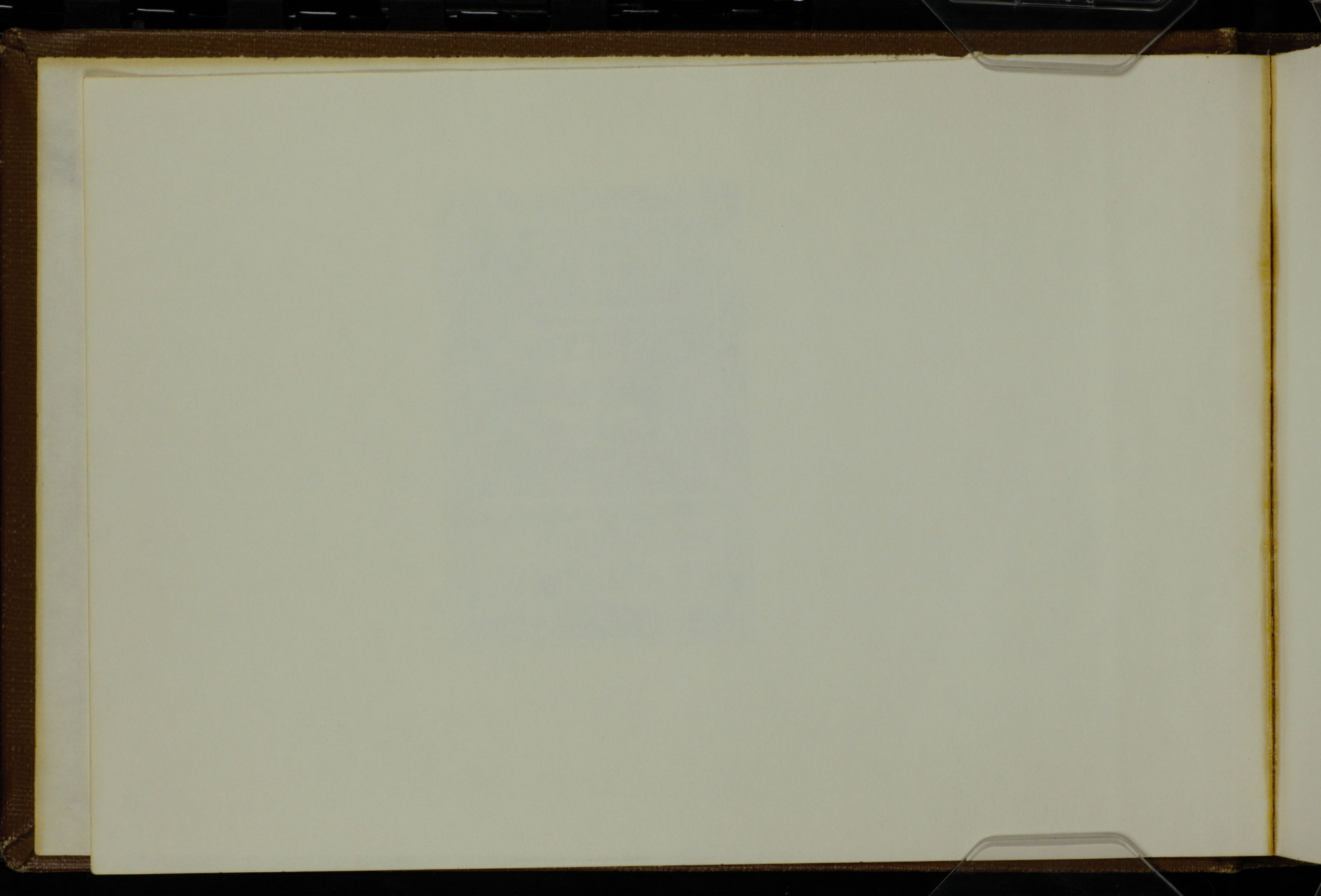
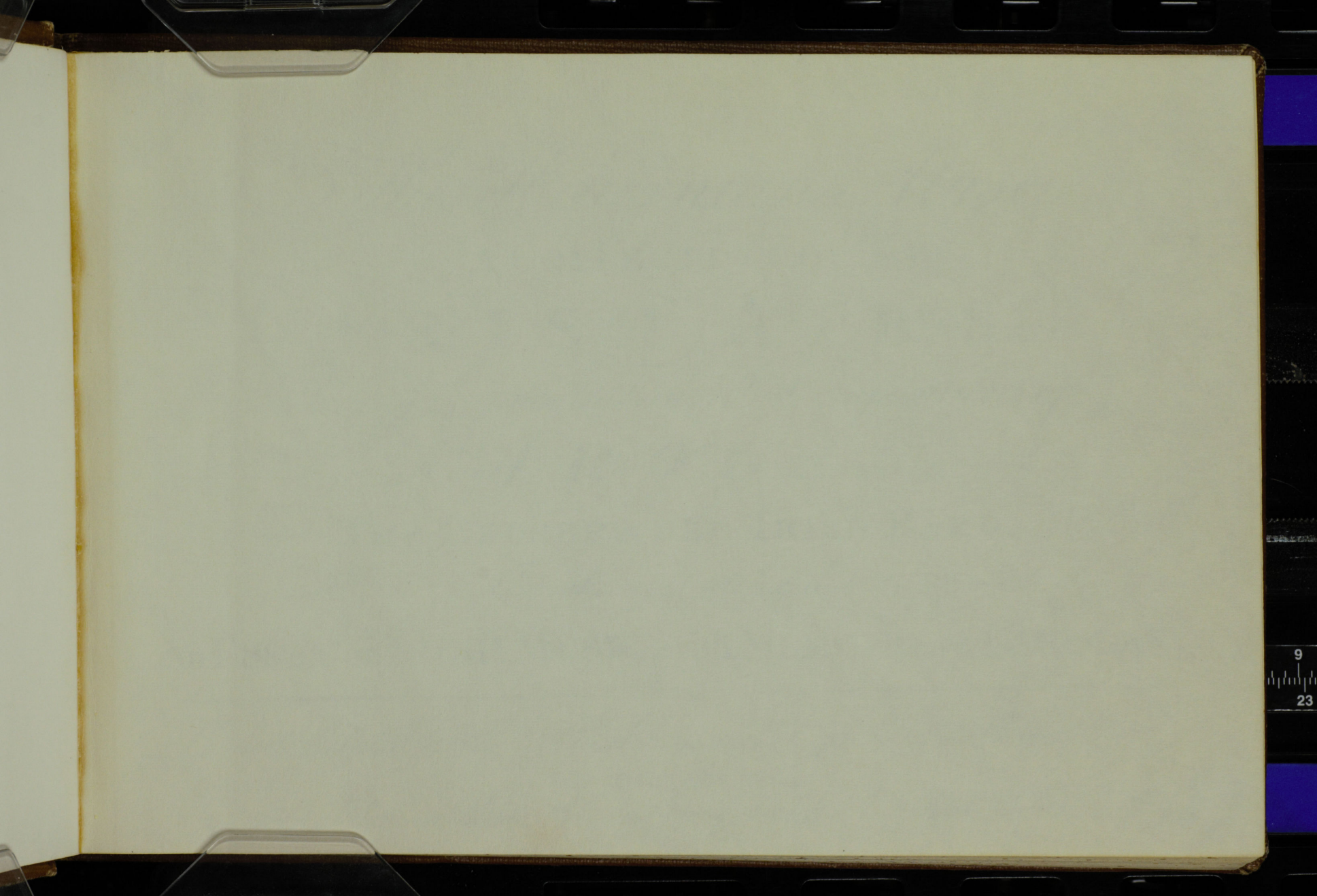
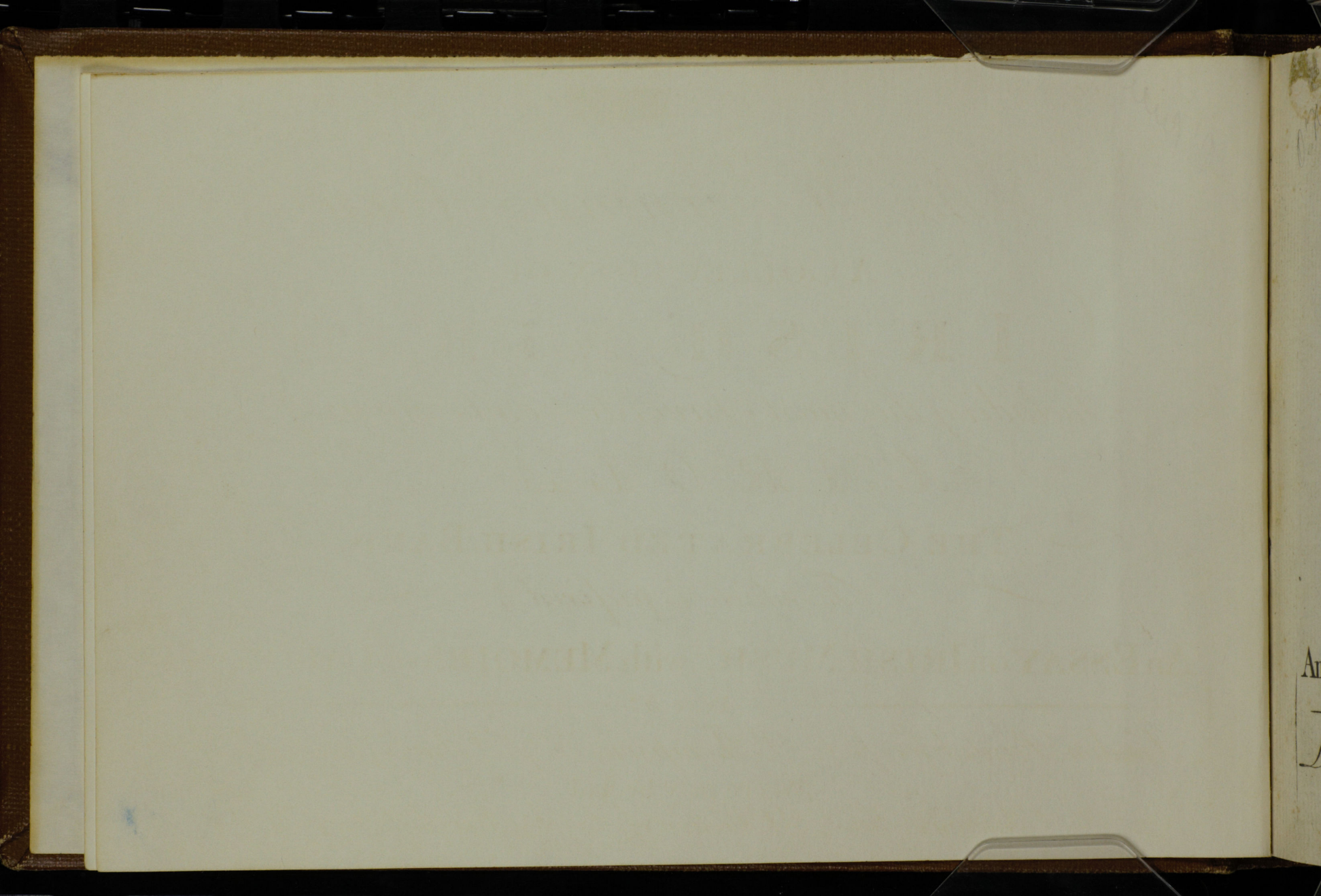


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You too, ye Bards, whom sacred raptures fire
To chaunt your heroes to your country's lyre;
Who consecrate in your immortal strain
Brave patriot souls in righteous battle slain;
Securely now the tuneful task renew,
And nobler themes in deathless songs pursue.

LUCAN.

“THE early ages of every nation are enveloped in dark clouds, impervious to the rays of historic light. An attempt, therefore, (says an ingenious Writer) to trace the arts of Poetry and Music to their source in this, or in any other country, must be unsuccessful: They are coeval with its original inhabitants; for man is both a Poet and Musician by nature. But our business with those arts does not commence till an order of men, who for some time united both characters, appears in the Annals of Ireland.” (a)

Irish historians trace their Music and Bards to a very high antiquity. Whence they were derived is indeed not quite so certain; but it is commonly supposed that the Irish received them from the Milesians, and the Milesians from some parts of the East. It is certain the Druids and Bards had colleges in Ireland prior to the fifth century. The Bards originally received their education from the Druids, who were the priests of those times; whose laws and sciences were conveyed through the medium of Poetry, and recommended by the charms of Music. Their instructions, however, were always oral; neither their policy, nor the superstition of the times, suffering them to be committed

(a) Walker's Hist. Mem. of Irish Bards, P. 1; to which elegant and learned work

to writing; so that the education of a young Bard was seldom completed under a dozen years. These accomplished, he was honoured with a kind of Doctor's degree, called *Ollamb*, supposed sufficiently qualified for all the duties of his office, and sometimes admitted among the Druids.

At this early period the Bards, originally a single order of men, were divided into the following classes, all of which had some concern with Music:

The *Filea*, or Poet, whose office it was to turn the precepts of religion into verse—to compose birth-day odes, epithalamiums, martial odes, &c.—to teach their princes—to entertain the chieftains and their guests at public festivals—to animate the army, and raise the cry of war.

“T’applaud the valiant, and the base controul;
Disturb, exalt, enchant the human soul!”

The *Brebon*, or legislative Bard, not only made and administered the laws, but it was his duty to chaunt them to his harp, as he was seated on an eminence in the open air.

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The Reader is indebted for most of the following particulars which respect the Bards.

The *Seanacha* was antiquarian, genealogist, and historian. He recorded remarkable events, and preserved the genealogy of his patron.

Beside the above, there was an inferior order, called *Oirfidigh*, or instrumental performers; who were further distinguished by the instruments on which they played.

The *Caoine*, or Funeral Song, was a solemn ceremony which accompanied the interment of their chiefs. On this occasion, the officiating Druid having performed the religious rites, and the pedigree of the deceased having been recited by his *Seanacha*, the proper Bard sang the *Caoine*, which he accompanied with his harp; being assisted by a chorus of inferior Bards and minstrels, and sometimes a company of women.

The following extract from one of these Elegies, composed on the death of *Cuchullin*, may give an idea of the natural sublimity of these compositions, and will not, it is presumed, be unacceptable to readers of taste and sensibility.

“By the dark rolling waves of Lego, they raised the hero’s tomb.—
—Luath at a distance lies, the companion of Cuchullin at the chace.—
Blest be thy soul, son of Semo; thou wert mighty in battle:—Thy strength was like the strength of a stream; thy speed like the eagle’s wing.—Thy path in the battle was terrible: the steps of death were behind thy sword—Blest be thy soul, son of Semo: car-borne chief of Duncaiaick!

“Thou hast not fallen by the sword of the mighty; neither was thy blood on the spear of the valiant.—The arrow came like the sting of death in a blast: nor did the feeble hand which drew the bow perceive it—Peace to thy soul in thy cave, chief of the Isle of Mist!” (b)

On the establishment of Christianity, the Druids of course vanished, but the Bards remained; and some of them, being converted, sung hymns to the honour of God and his saints. One of these, at least, (*Peach*) was made a bishop by St. Patrick, in the fifth century, and several others of them commenced clergymen. From this time Music greatly flourished in the Irish churches, inasmuch that in the tenth century, the abbey of Mungret, near Limerick, out of 1500 religious, had

500 choristers. (c) About this time the clergy introduced the accidental characters of the Romish church, the Irish not appearing to have had any method of musical notation of their own.

Formerly great part of the Irish music was *military*, and every chief had his peculiar *War Cry* *. It has been also supposed that the various invasions to which these people were subject, first gave a melancholic tincture to their Music, and introduced among them the *minor* mode. This arises, however, from an idea that the Music of all countries was originally *major*; an hypothesis that will admit of debate; and it is to be added, that solitude, and various other circumstances, might produce the same effects.

The ancient *Musical Instruments* of the Irish have furnished matter of curious enquiry. (d) The principal were the *Harp* and *Bagpipe*. Of the former they had four varieties, differing in size, form, and number of strings. Indeed, this seems to have been the favourite instrument of many northern nations, and has been supposed to have originated among them. The Irish probably had it from the Milesians, and conveyed it to the Highlanders and Welsh. But it was also well known in the East. Mr. Bruce describes the painting of several he met with in the ruins of ancient Thebes: But we know, from better authority, that it was at a very early period the favourite of the Hebrews. The *Bagpipe*, indeed, was probably a northern instrument, yet not exclusively so; since we find an instrument of this kind among the Greeks, Chinese, and several other nations. Of this instrument there are also varieties; the large War Bagpipe is peculiar to the Highlanders, and well calculated to animate their warlike and ferocious temper: but the Irish Bagpipe is smaller, blown by the mouth, and capable of great sweetness and expression.

Among the vocal Music of the Irish a stranger would not expect much excellency, on account of the apparent harshness of the language: There are not wanting, however, advocates for this; who assert, (strange as it may seem) that the Irish is more musical than even the Italian, or any other European language. (e)

The style of the ancient Irish Music is said by their early writers to have

(b) Macpherson’s Death of Cuchullin.

(c) *Annals of the Monks of Hild.*

(d) Walker’s Irish Bards, P. 69, and seq. Also, Appendix, No. I, and VIII.

(e) Ibid. P. 65.

* See No. CIV. in the following Collection.

have been enharmonic. If so, it must be in the same sense that Dr. Burney explains the term in relation to the Old Enharmonic of the Greeks; *i. e.* without Semitones. (*f*)

"The Irish Music is in some degree, (says a native) distinguished from the Music of every other nation by an insinuating sweetness, which forces its way irresistibly to the heart." (*g*) Abating something for national partiality, a great degree of excellence must be allowed to the plaintive airs, and a wonderful glee and vivacity to the jigs.

We have hinted, on a former occasion, that the Scots probably derived a great part of their Music from the Irish; (*h*) and there is reason to think the Welsh were indebted to the same masters.

But to return to our Narrative.—At the revival of literature, the Bards were reduced to two classes; *viz.* Historians and Rhapsodists; from which last the modern Bards were derived. One of these, O'Carrol, flourished with a school of pupils, in the year 1340.

Our Henry VIII. in compliment to the musical fame of Ireland, gave them a harp for their arms, and James I. quartered it with those of France and England.

Several famous Bards flourished in the reign of Elizabeth: But as we know not that any of their Music is preserved, it would afford little entertainment to recite their names.

The present century has produced some eminent Bards.—Cormac Common, (*i*) (or Cormac Dall; *i. e.* Blind Cormac) was born May 1703, in the county of Mayo, of poor parents, and within the first year had the misfortune to lose his sight by the small-pox. He is celebrated for being the last of the *Tale-Tellers*; and recited his melancholy narrative much in the manner of cathedral chaunting. He was a poet, a harper, and, when young, a fine finger; and was lately, at the age of more than four-score, living near Dunmore, in the county of Galway.

But the most eminent of all the modern Bards was the famous Carolan, author of a great part of the tunes in the following collection; who therefore claims our particular attention.

(*f*) History of Music, Vol. I. P. 497.

(*g*) Walker's Irish Bards, P. 65.

(*h*) Essay on the Scots Music, prefixed to the Caledonian Muse, P. 2.

TURLOUGH O'CAROLAN (*k*) was born at Nobber, in the county of Westmeath, A. D. 1670, on a spot denominated from his ancestors, though it has been several ages in other hands. The small-pox, at a very early period, deprived him of his eye-sight, and

"Knowledge at one entrance quite shut out."

But Providence, as in many similar instances, in some degree compensated for this loss, by bestowing on him a fine ear and taste for Music. So that, as himself used quaintly to express it, his eyes were transplanted into his ears.

Our Bard discovered early marks of a musical genius, and at twelve years old he had an instructor for the harp; but, (as often happens) his diligence not keeping pace with his genius, he never excelled as an instrumental performer, and seldom used his instrument but in extempore effusions, or as an accompaniment to his voice; and even this office was frequently supplied by a domestic.

Blindness is no certain defence against love. Carolan found this; for pretty early in life he became enamoured with a Miss Bridget Cruise, which is said to have first tuned his harp to love, though, in this instance, his love was unsuccessful. An incident with reference to this Lady is related, which shews that the loss of one sense may be the perfection of several others. Our Bard's blindness was not only compensated by an ear nicely tuned to harmony, but by an exquisite sensibility in feeling. In a subsequent part of life, being induced by the superstition of that religion in which he had been educated, and to which he always tenaciously adhered, he made a pilgrimage to a celebrated cave, called *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, situated on an island in the county of Donegal.—Handing some other pilgrims into the boat, he chanced to take the hand of the above Lady, and instantly exclaimed, "This is the hand of Bridget Cruise;" a circumstance that awakened in full vigour the recollection of his early attachment.

Carolan's want of success with the first object of his attachment, did not

(*i*) Walker's Irish Bards, Appendix, No. V.

(*k*) *Ibid.* No. VI.

not cool his passion for the fair sex, and the loss of Miss Cruise was supplied in the embraces of a Miss Mary Macguire; a young Lady of good family, though not remarkable for meekness or œconomy. At this time, it is supposed, he took a small farm near Moshill, in the county of Leitrim, and erected a little house, where himself and lady enjoyed themselves, and entertained their friends; till, in the sequel, they discovered that neither his genius nor her beauty were sufficient to keep open doors, or supply their table even with the necessaries, and much less the luxuries of life.

This was probably one circumstance that induced Carolan to commence itinerant Bard, and exhibit a genuine representation of Homer's *Demodocus*. He traversed the country on his own horse, attended by a domestic Harper. The doors of the Nobility and Gentry were every where thrown open for his entertainment. He scorned to compose for hire; but his constant custom was to reward his benefactor with a song, made on himself, or a principal branch of the family: Some of the most celebrated of these (and distinguished by the name of the subject) were composed on — Jones, Esq. of Money Glas, in the county of Leitrim—J. Nugent, Esq. of Castle Nugent, Culambre, and his fair sister, Miss Grace Nugent—all which will be found in the following collection. (l)

The occasion of several other of his compositions is remarkable.—Tradition says, that O'Rourke, a powerful and turbulent Irish chieftain, was invited by the politic Elizabeth, queen of England, on a visit to her court. Before he left his native country, he assembled all his vassals and neighbours, and gave them a sumptuous treat at his castle. This event Mr. Mac Gauran, a gentleman of Leitrim, who possessed a happy talent at ludicrous poetry, made the subject of a song, (m) which Carolan, his contemporary and friend, set to Music; and *Plaracana Ruarcach*, or O'Rourke's Feast, is left a monument to their joint memory. (n)

A Miss *Fetherston*, a Protestant lady of the county of Longford, going

to church one Sunday, met with Carolan going to mass. She gave him an invitation to her house; but the Bard, with his usual gallantry, excused himself from a pretended terror of her wit. At parting, she requested his prayers, but he protested she was the object of his devotion; and accordingly, instead of praying, composed the song which he called *Carolan's Devotion*. (o)

Carolan, unhappily for his health and character, was immoderately given to whiskey, and always treated his Muse with a glass when he invoked her. Once, at the earnest remonstrance of his medical friends, he refrained six weeks from his favourite liquor, during which his usual gaiety and genius forsook him. At length, unable to contain any longer, he procured a glass of it to smell to. Immediately as the fumes reached his head, his countenance brightened—his vivacity rekindled—and he could no longer resist the bewitching draught. Before morning he composed the charming song of *Carolan's Receipt*. (p)

As to treat the Bard was a certain method of inspiring his Muse; so to deny the exhilarating draught was equally sure to attract his satire. One O'Flynn, the careful butler of a certain parsimonious lady, whom he then visited, once refusing him admittance to his cellar, procured himself a severe epigram, of which the following is a translation:

“What pity Hell's gates are not kept by O'Flynn!
“So surly a dog would let nobody in.”

The ancient Bards, we have observed, often pretended to prophecy; and that our Bard might not be thought inferior to any of them, the following story is related of him:—Having often tried to compose a *plangsty* for a Miss Brett, of the county of Sligo, but never to his satisfaction, he one day threw away his harp, with this declaration to her mother;—“Some evil Genius (said he) hovers over me; there is not a string in my harp that does not vibrate a melancholy sound—I fear she is not doomed to remain long amongst us: Nay, (said he, emphatically) she will not survive twelve months.”—The event is said

(l) See in the following Collection, Numbers I. XI & LI.

(m) A translation of this song was made by Dean Swift, and is to be found in his Works.

(n) No. VII.

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(p) No. III. in the following Collection.

said to have verified the prediction; but what inferences are to be drawn from this and similar narrations, must be left to the cool investigation of philosophy.

It is reported, that when Geminiani was at Dublin, he had the curiosity to try the genius of Carolan, by procuring a piece of Italian Music to be played to him, excellent in itself, but purposely vitiated in certain places. Carolan was delighted with the Music; but much to the surprise of the hearers, discovered, and even rectified its defects.

At another time, it is said, meeting with a musician of some eminence at the house of an Irish nobleman, he challenged him to a trial of skill. The musician played Vivaldi's fifth concerto on his violin. This finished, Carolan, with wonderful exactness, repeated it on his harp, though he had never before heard it; and, to increase the surprise of his auditory, added another concerto of his own, extemporary, in which he copied the taste of the Italian composer, in a manner quite astonishing.

It has been observed above, that Carolan was a Roman Catholic, and it should be added, that he composed several pieces of Sacred Music, which, with great devotion, he performed in the public service, to the astonishment of the congregation.

In the year 1733, Carolan lost his beloved Mary Macguire, who had lived faithfully in obscure retirement with her children, while our Irish *Orpheus* traversed the country. This event threw a gloom upon his mind, and is thought to have hastened his death, which happened in March 1738, at the house of Mrs. Mac Dermot, of Alderford. Dr. Goldsmith relates, (upon what authority is uncertain) that even in the article of death he called for a draught of his beloved liquor, which being brought at his earnest importunity, he was not able to swallow; but returned it with this unseasonable jest, that it would be hard indeed for two such friends as he and his cup to part without kissing; and then expired. (q)

Carolan was buried in the church-yard of Kilonan, in the diocese

(q) Goldsmith's Life of Carolan, European Mag. for October, 1785.

of Ardagh, where his skull was lately observed rudely scattered among the spoils of death, and distinguished from the vulgar multitude by a ribband appended thereto.—A circumstance this, which would have animated the genius of a Yorick to the highest pitch of elegant enthusiasm.

Our Bard was lamented in an humble Elegy, written by his facetious friend and companion, Charles Mac Cabe; but which has no merit to excite the Reader's curiosity.

Carolan left six daughters and a son; the latter taught the Irish harp, and published a collection of his father's pieces; the most favourite of which, with several others therein omitted, will be found in the following Collection, to the number of more than thirty.

The public opinion of Carolan's merit, and the esteem in which he is held by the most eminent Professors, may be inferred from the insertion of so many of his pieces in our modern operas and entertainments.

Before we conclude this Essay, the Reader may expect some information as to the other airs which form this Collection. Many of them indeed are well known, and have long been favourites with the public: but of some others, there are a few particulars too curious to be withheld.

The *Dump*, or Melancholy Tune, No. II. is said to have been sung by the Irish women on the field of battle, after a terrible slaughter made by Cromwell's troops, in Ireland.—No. LIV. was composed in the reign of Henry VIII. the original words being in honour of the ancient Irish drefs.—No. XCI. is commonly sung by the Irish Rustics, at the plough.—No. IX. XXIX. and several others, are remarkable for their high antiquity, as well as beautiful simplicity.

It need only be added, that great pains have been taken to make the basses as familiar and pleasing as circumstances would admit. Several of the airs have never appeared with any accompaniment before, and many of them would not admit a strict conformity to modern rules. This may be proper to be observed, that the *Editor* may not be condemned for violating rules which could not be conformed to with propriety; and to which no experienced Musician would attempt to reduce airs composed before the laws of Harmony were known.

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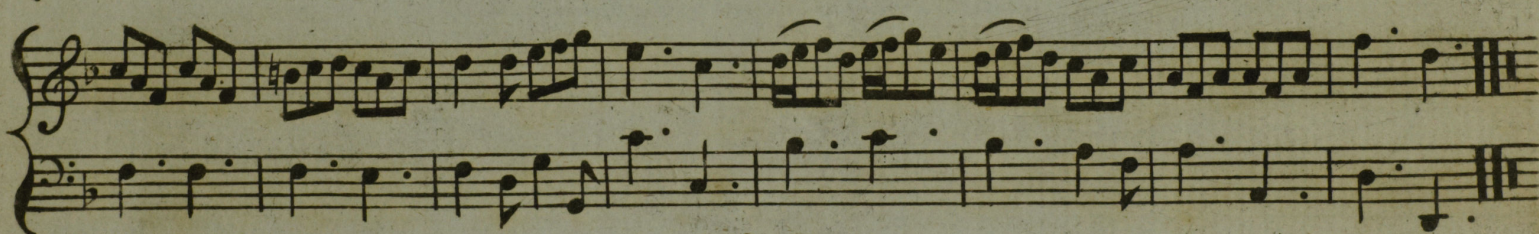
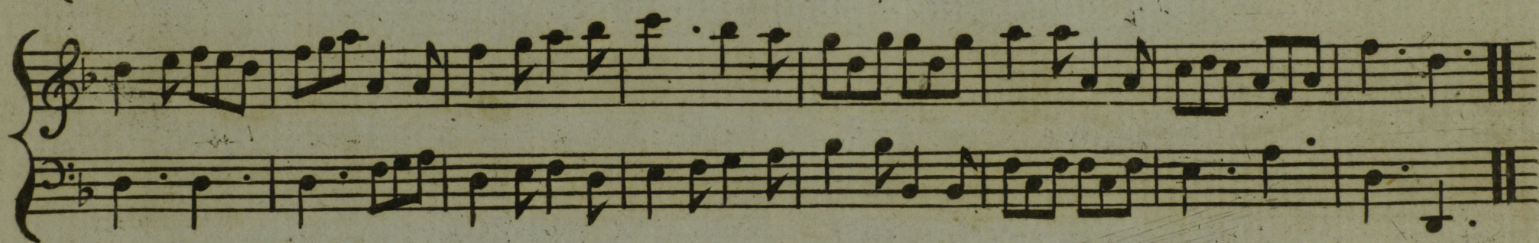
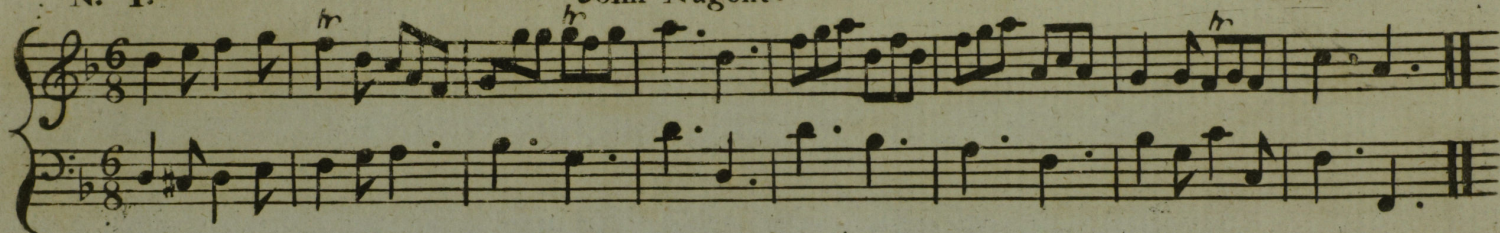
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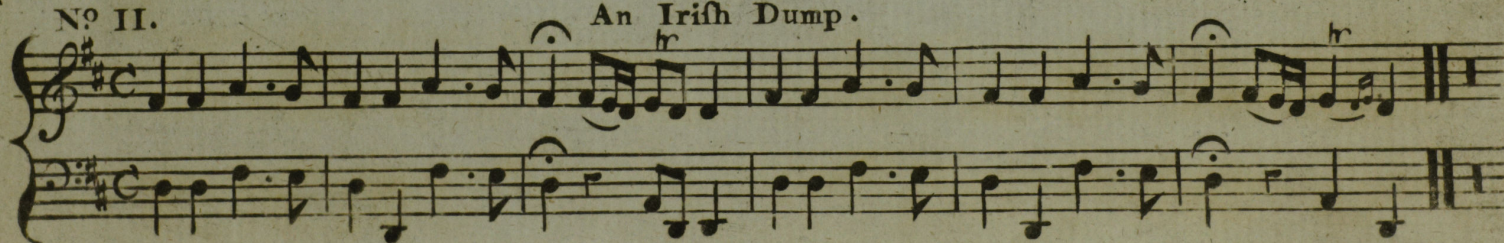
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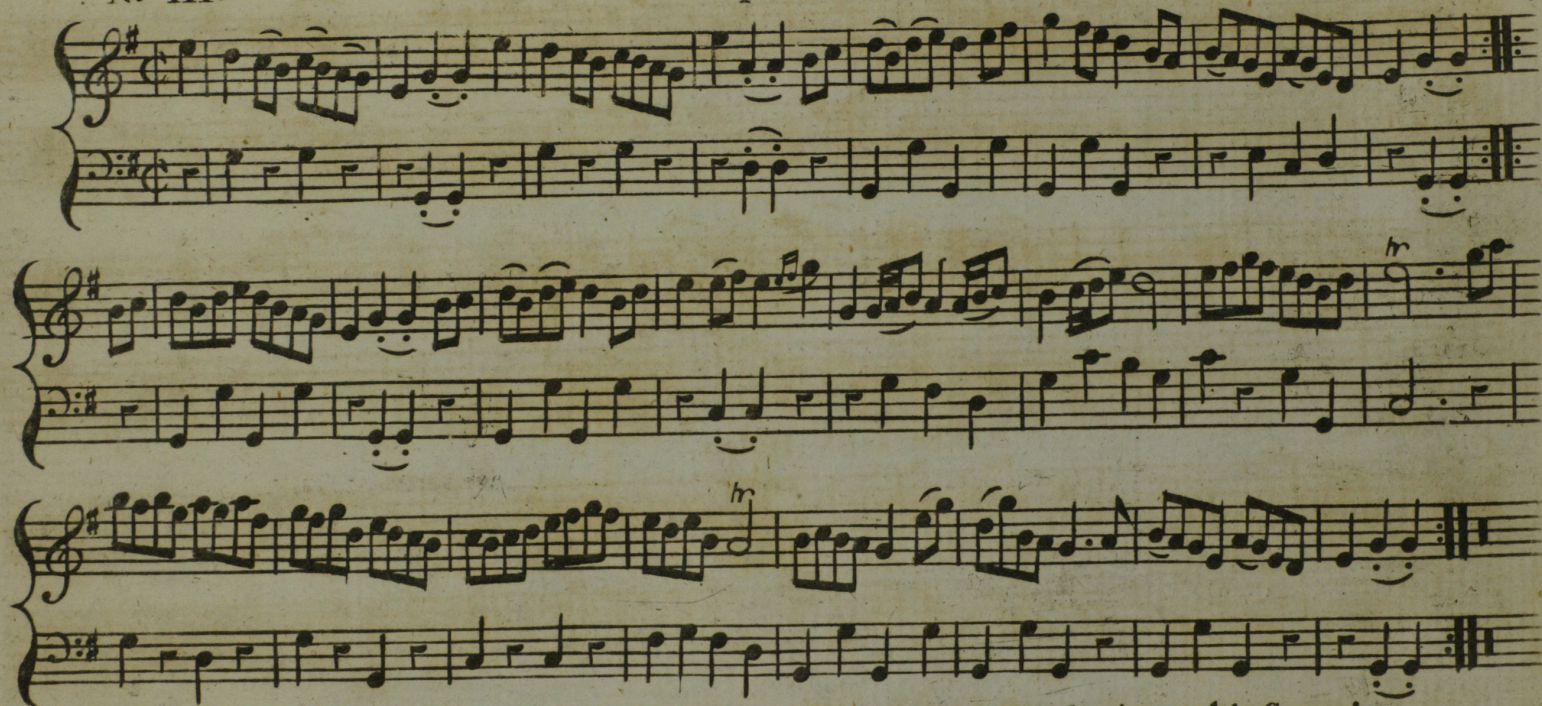
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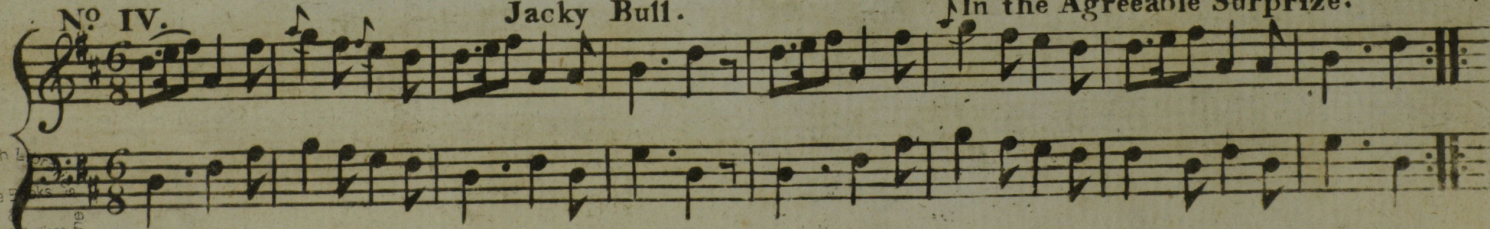
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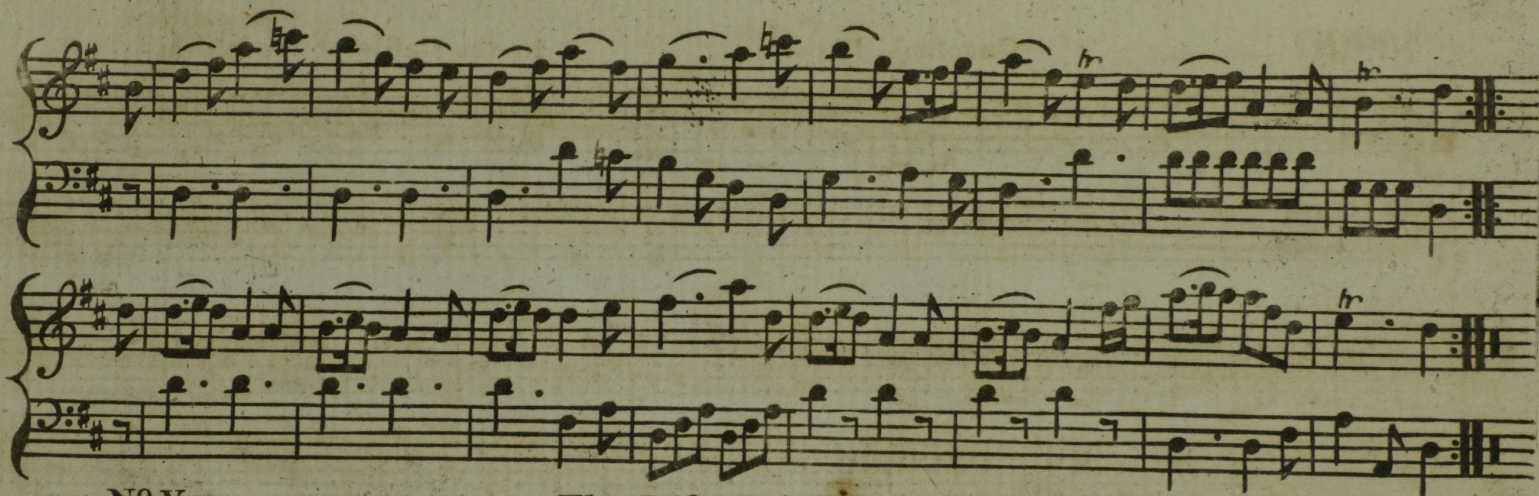
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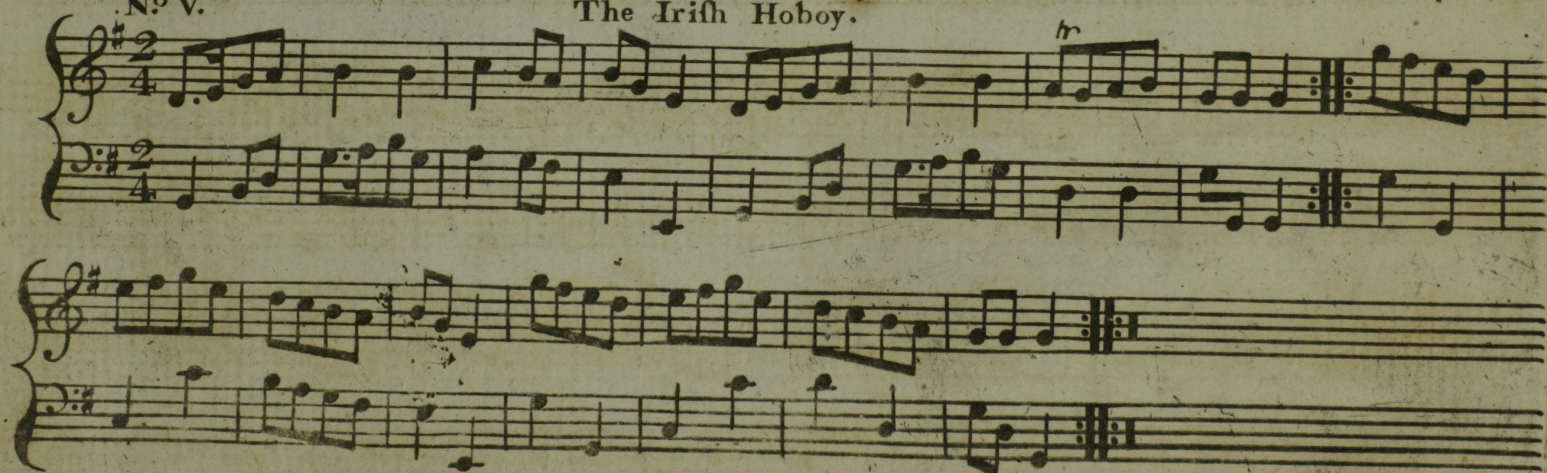
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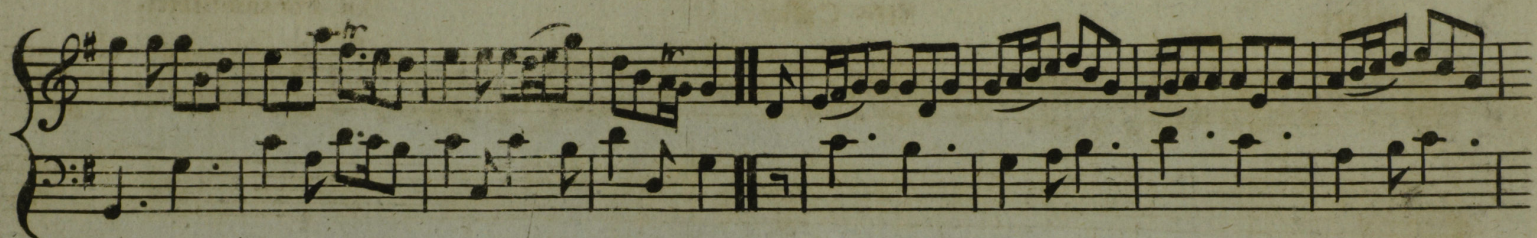
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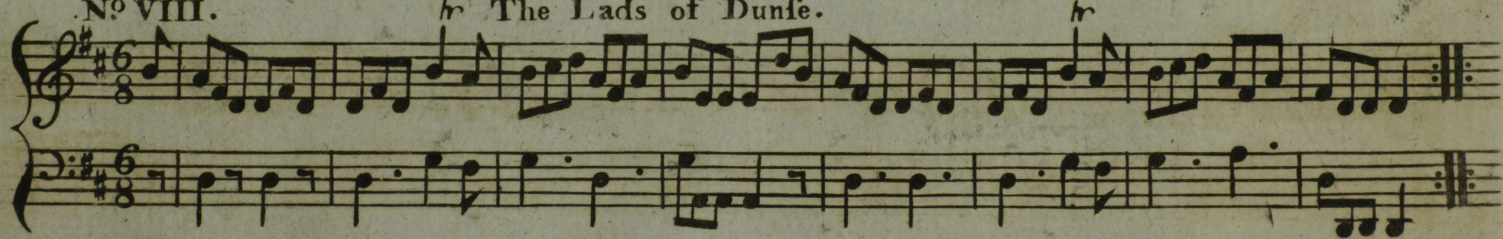
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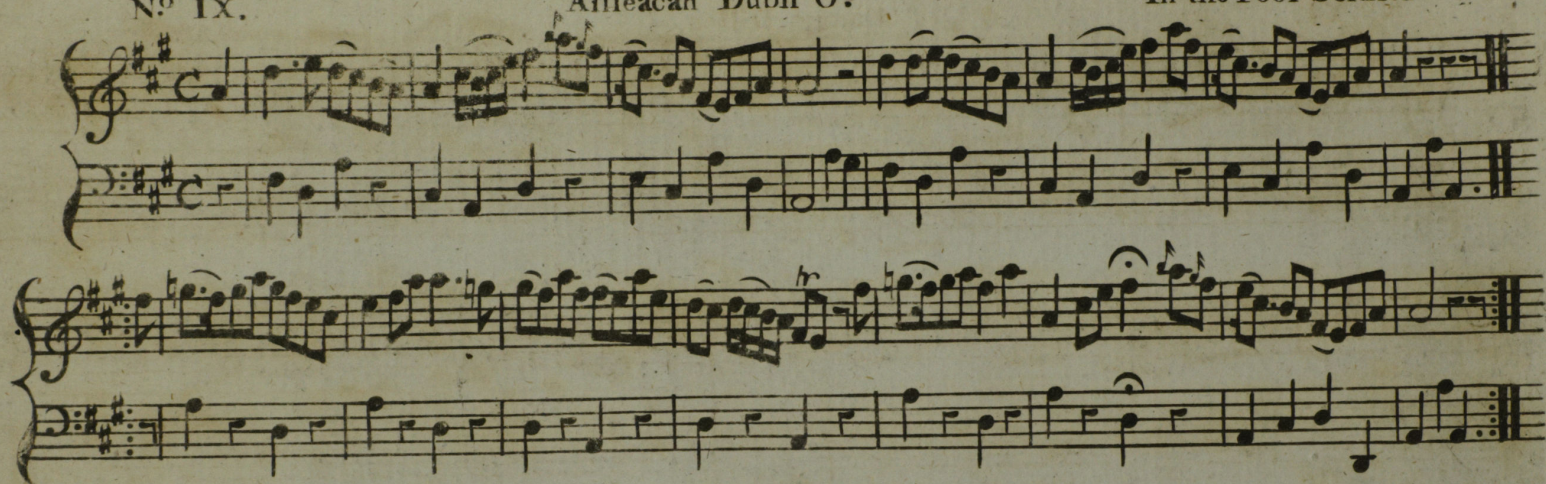
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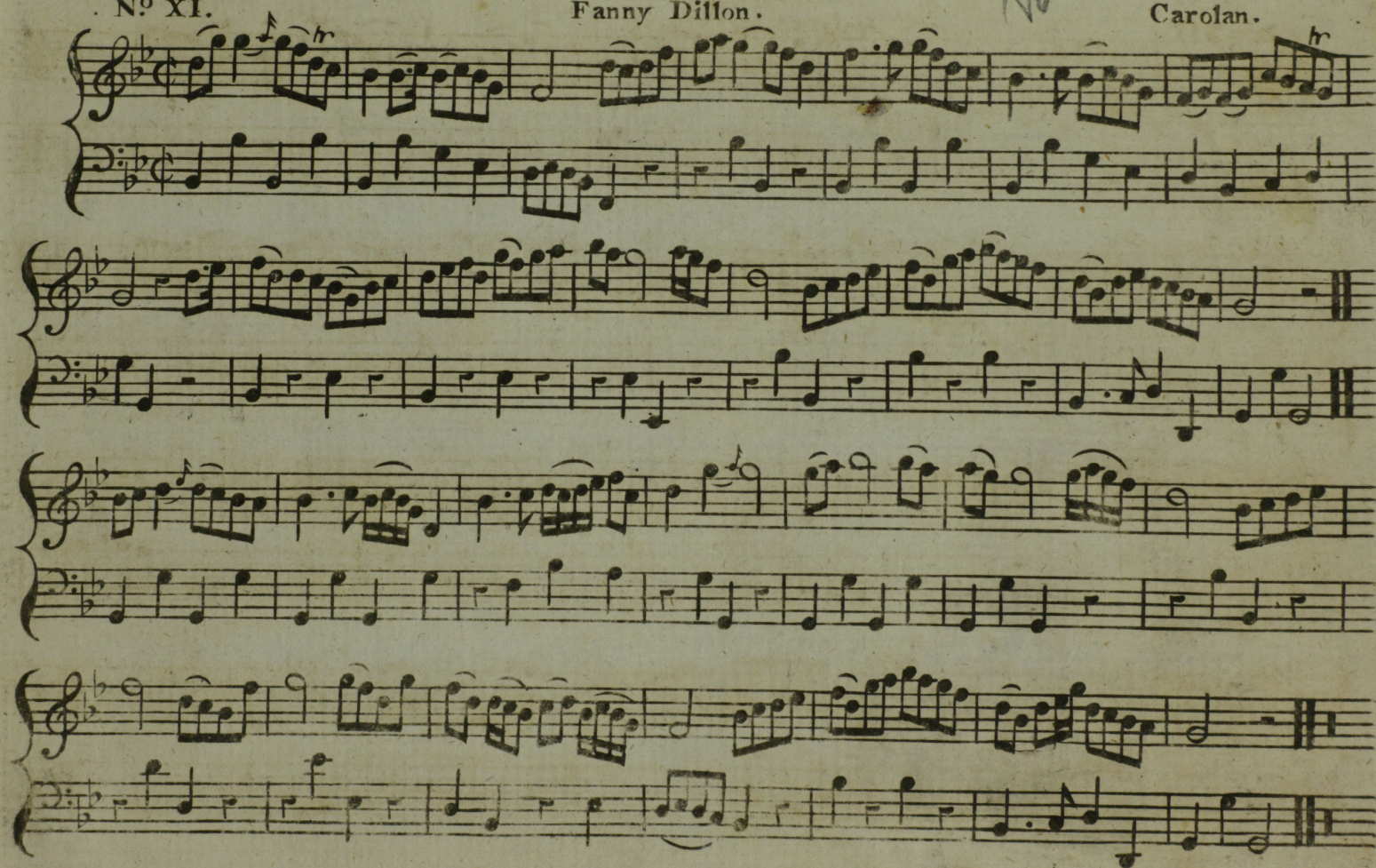


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Da mihi Manum.

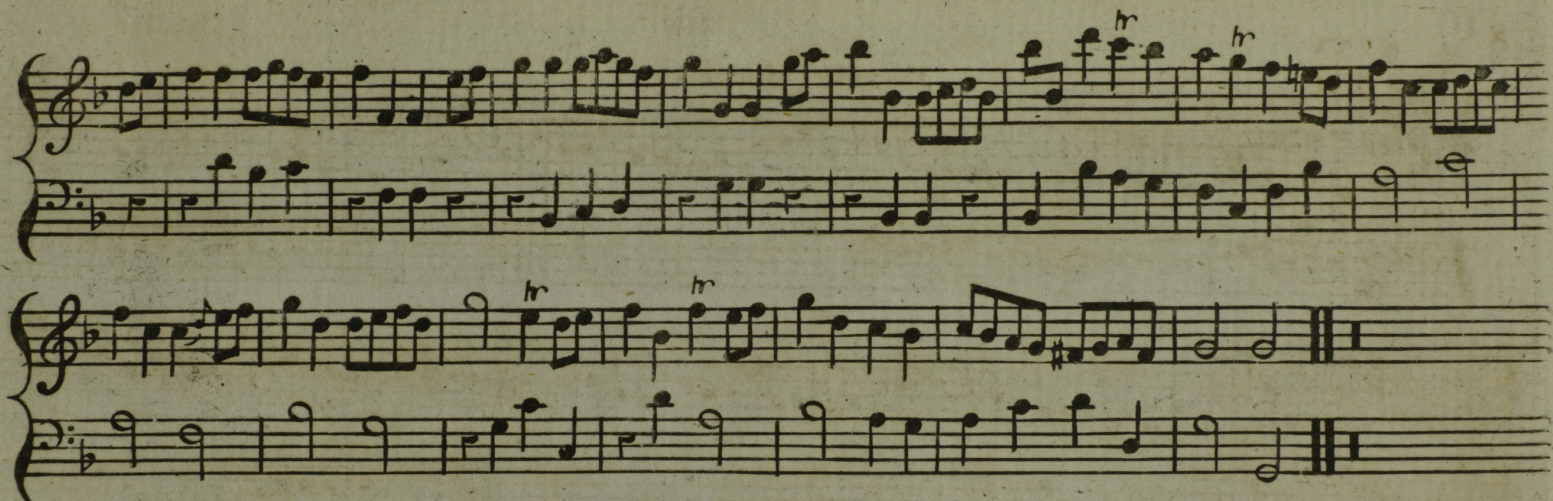
Handwritten musical score for 'Da mihi Manum'. The score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. The melody is marked with 'hr' (harmonic) and features several trills. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

N^o XIII.

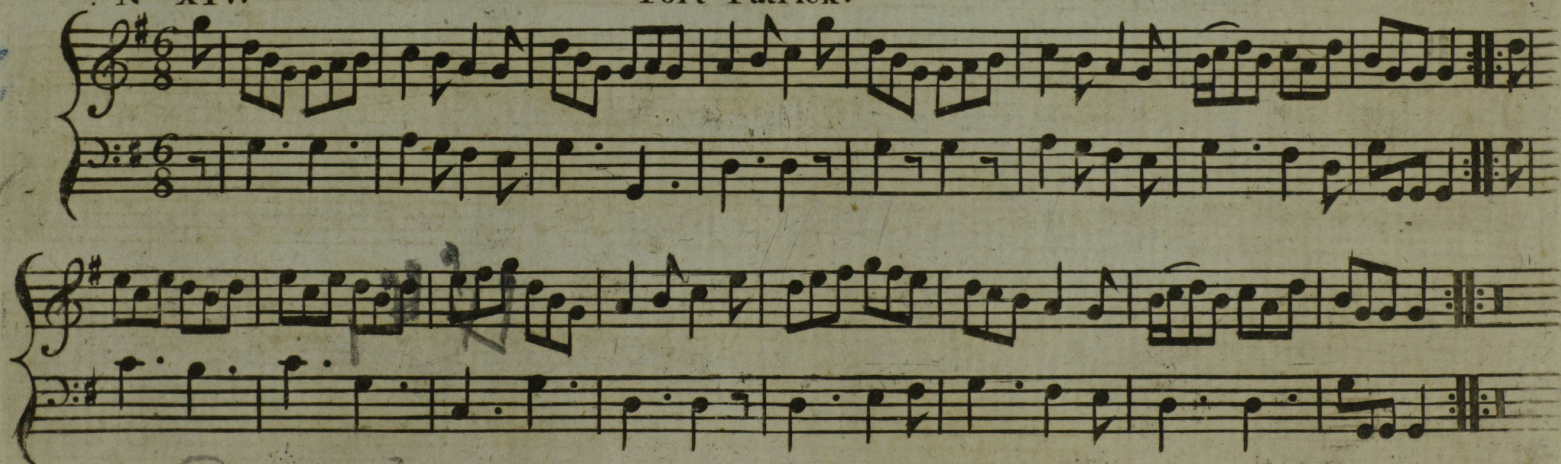
Gracey Nugent.

Carolan.

Handwritten musical score for 'Gracey Nugent' and 'Carolan'. The score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. The melody is marked with 'hr' (harmonic) and features several trills. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes.

N^o XIV.

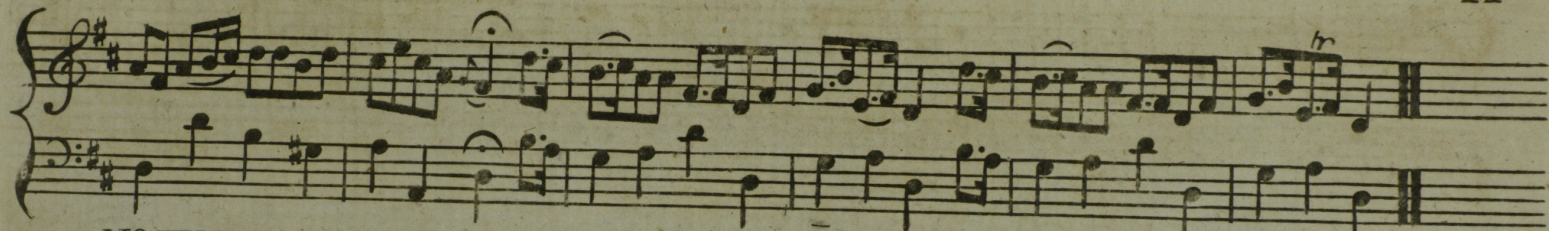
Port Patrick.



OK

Handwritten musical score for two pieces. The first piece, 'Plangfy Connor', is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The second piece, 'In the Poor Soldier', is also in G major and 6/8 time, and also consists of two systems of two staves each. The notation includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 6/8. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

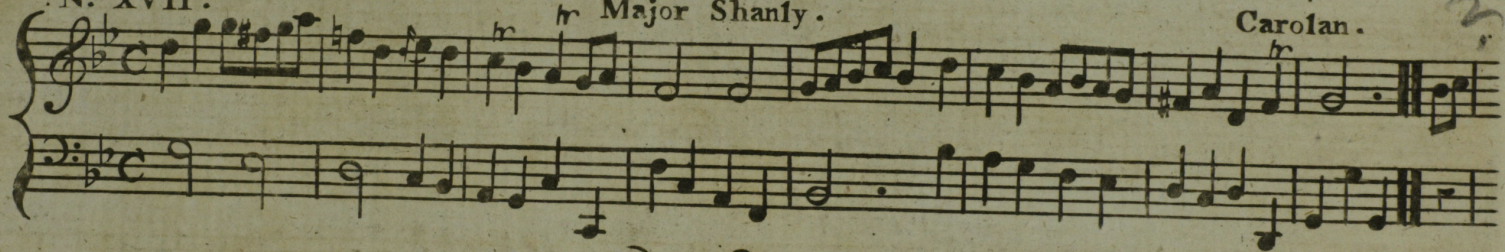
Handwritten musical score for two pieces. The first piece, 'The Irish Girl', is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two systems of two staves each. The second piece, 'In Rosina', is also in G major and common time, and also consists of two systems of two staves each. The notation includes treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of C. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.



Nº XVII.

Major Shanly.

Carolan.



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Rosina.

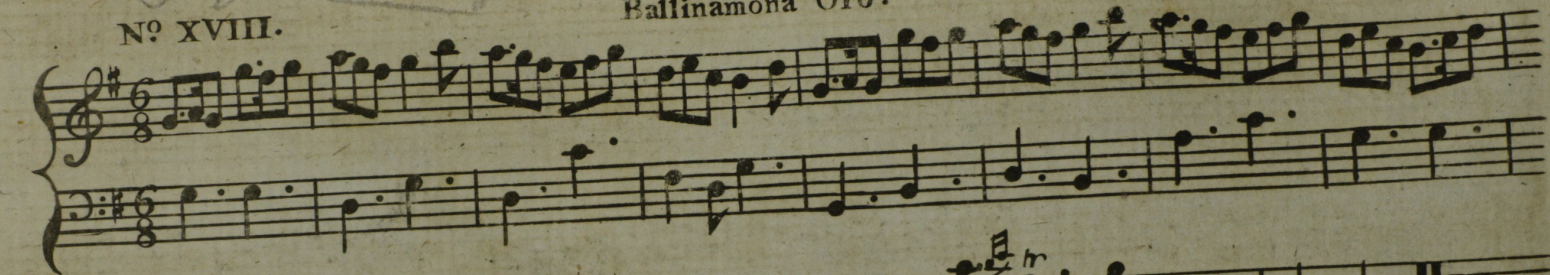
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Waltz of Dallypore

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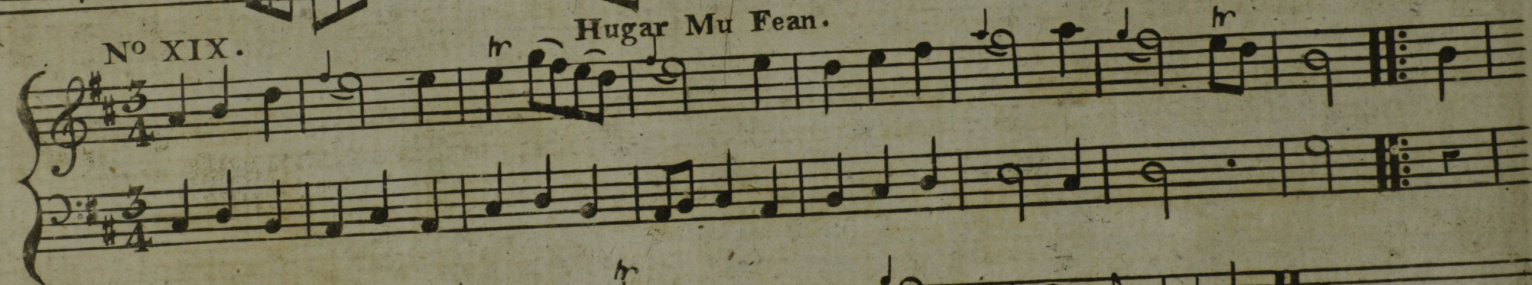
Ballinamona Oro.

In the Poor Soldier.



No XIX.

Hugar Mu Fean.



Nº XX.

Toby *h* Peyton.

Carolan.

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Soldier.

The musical score for No. XX consists of two systems. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system begins with a treble staff containing a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, some with ornaments (marked 'h'). The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody in the treble staff, featuring more complex rhythmic patterns and ornaments, while the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

Nº XXI.

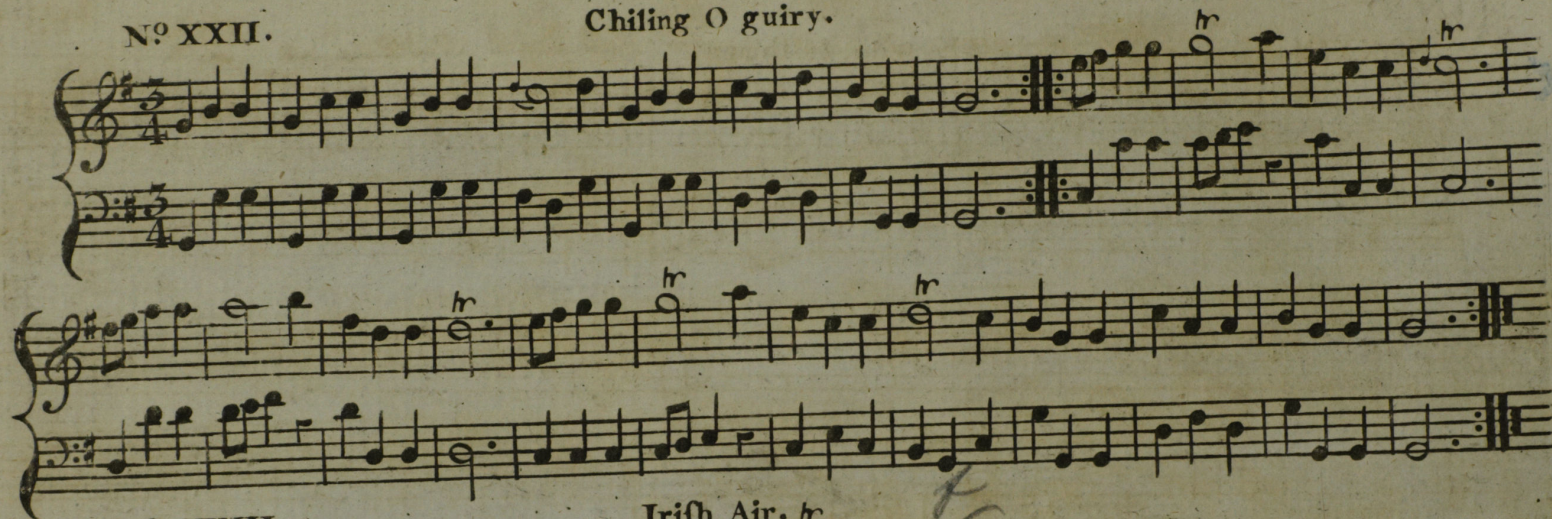
Irish *h* Trott.

In the Beggars Opera.

The musical score for No. XXI consists of two systems. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system begins with a treble staff containing a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, some with ornaments (marked 'h'). The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody in the treble staff, featuring more complex rhythmic patterns and ornaments, while the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F-sharp), and the time signature is 6/8.

N^o XXII.

Chiling O guiry.

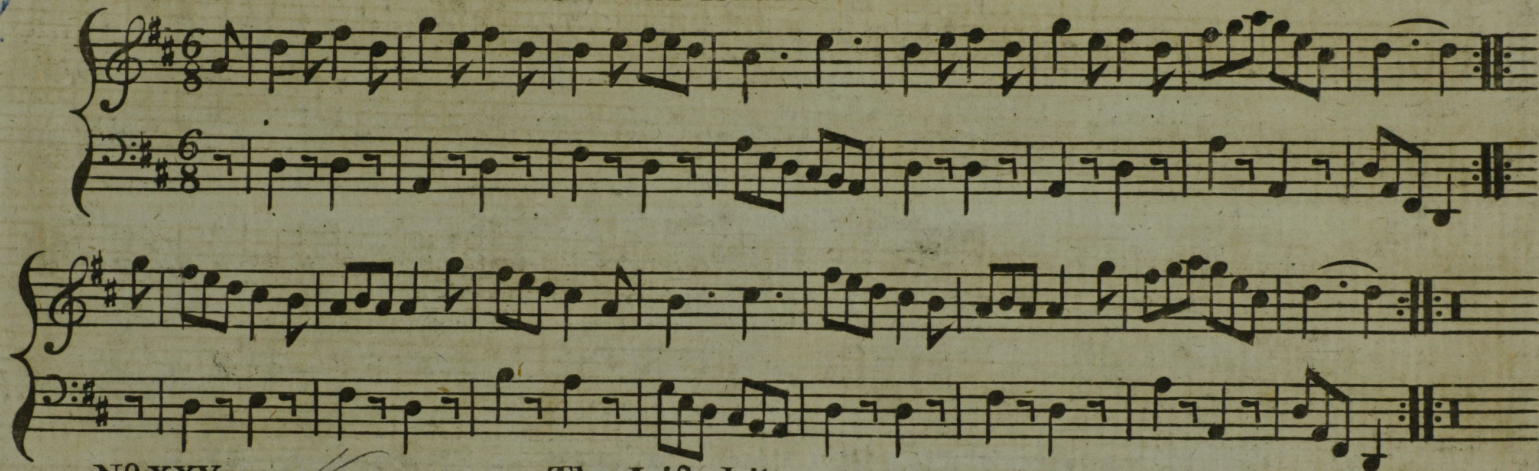
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Irish Air. tr

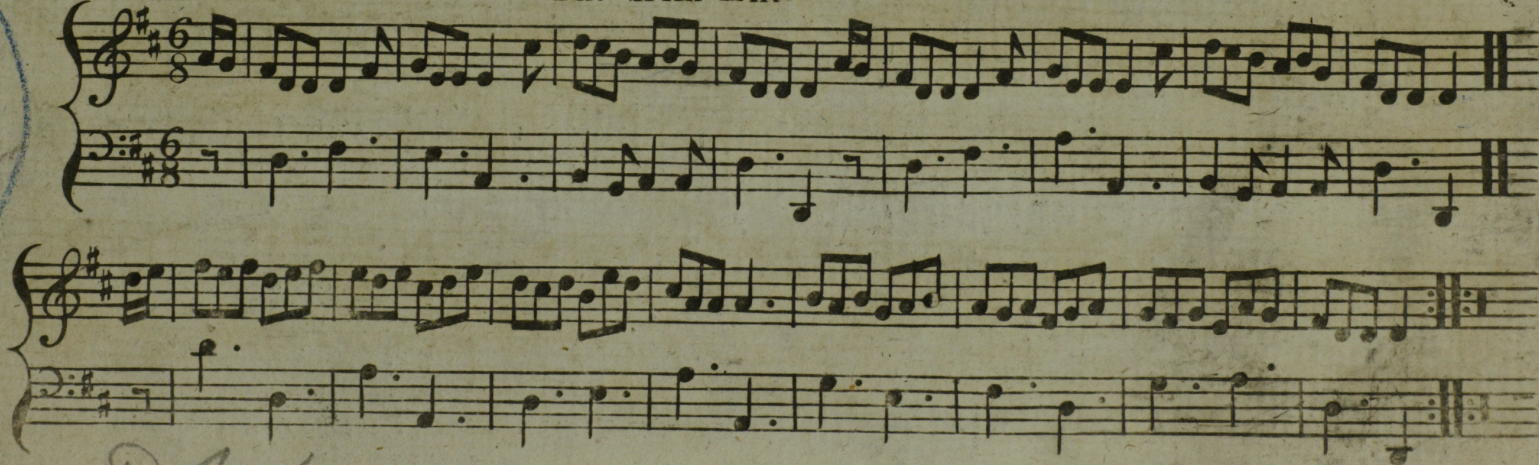


N^o XXIV.

The wild Irishman.

N^o XXV.

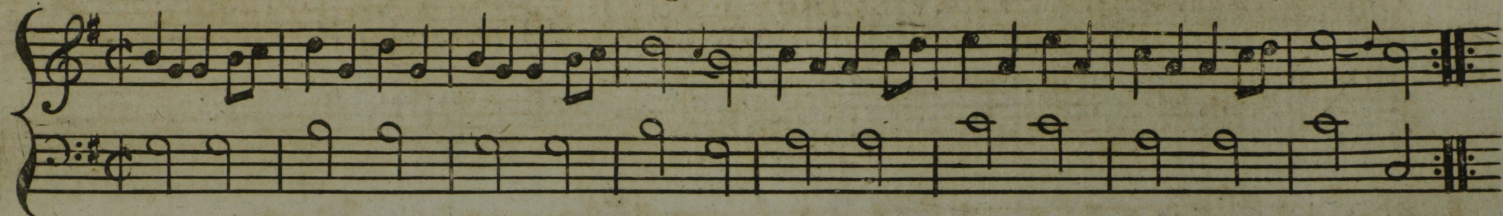
The Irish Lilt.



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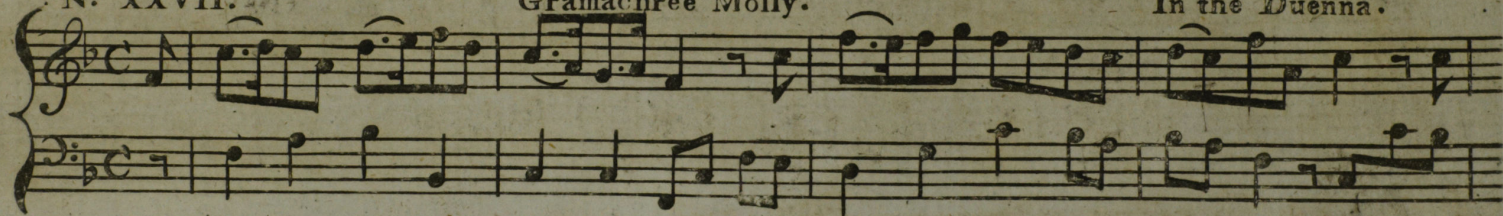
The Fingalians' Dance.



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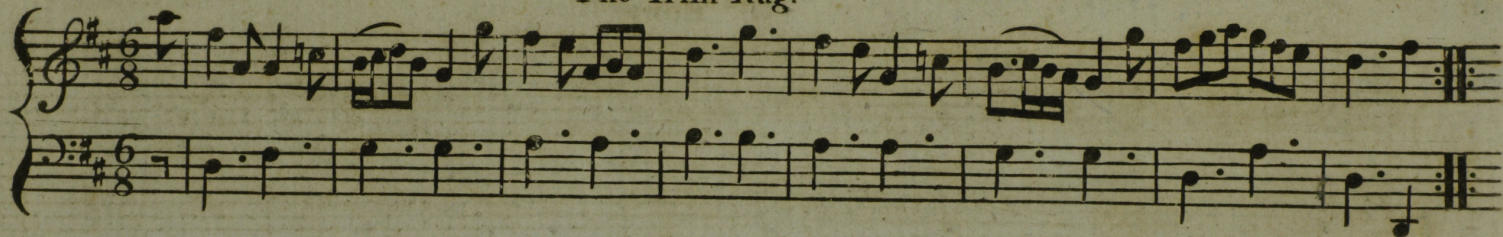
Gramachree Molly.

In the Duenna.

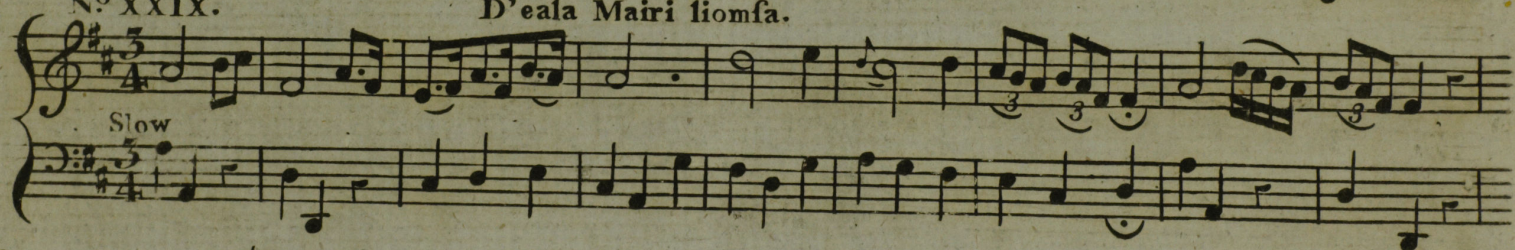


N^o XXVIII.

The Irish Rag.

N^o XXIX.

D'eala Mairi liomfa.



Mrs Edwards.

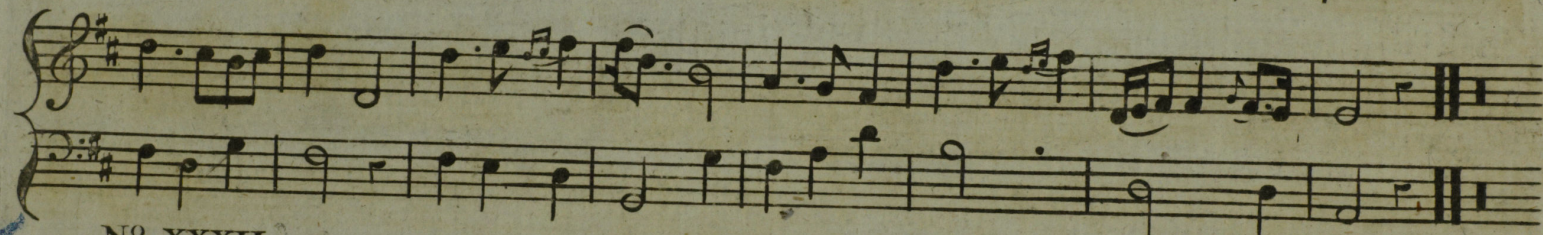
Carolan.

The musical score is written on five systems of staves. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The first system is marked with 'Mrs Edwards.' and the second with 'Carolan.'.

Nº XXXI.

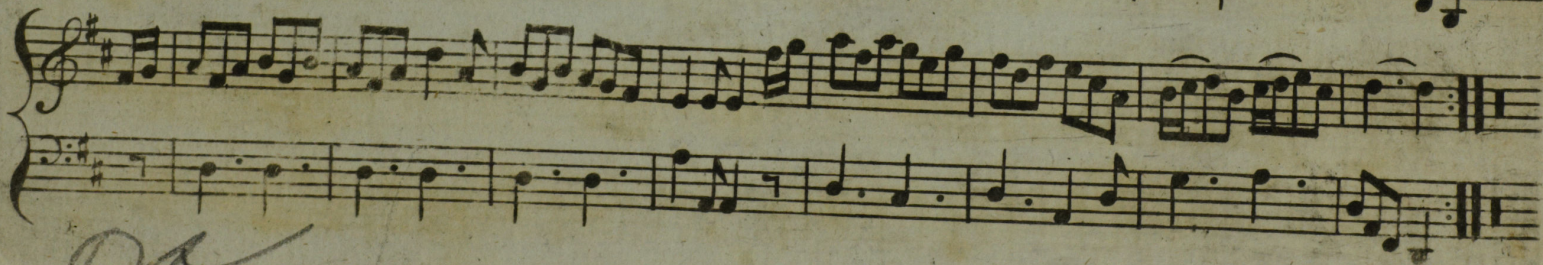
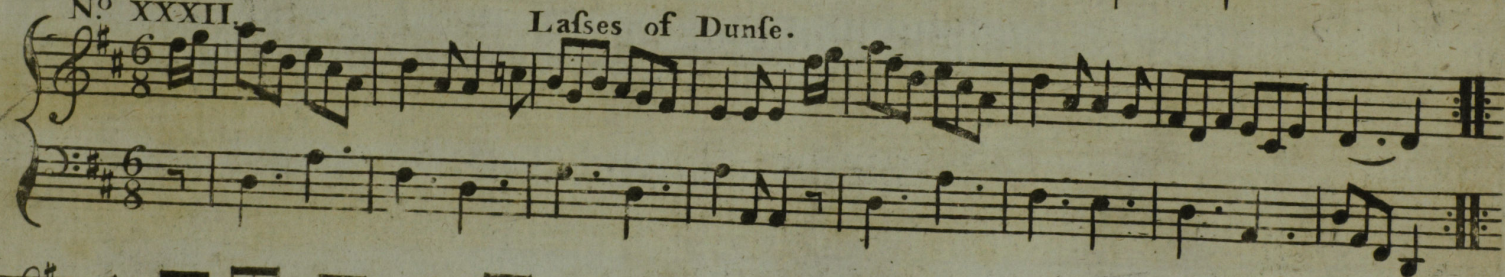
Dermot.

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Nº XXXII.

Lafses of Dunfe.



OK

Handwritten musical score for a piece titled "Dr Delany" by Carolan. The score is written on four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines. The piece is marked with a repeat sign at the beginning of the first system and a double bar line at the end of the fourth system. The handwriting is in ink on aged paper.

Nº XXXIV.

Yemen O nock.

mei Sittine

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Slow

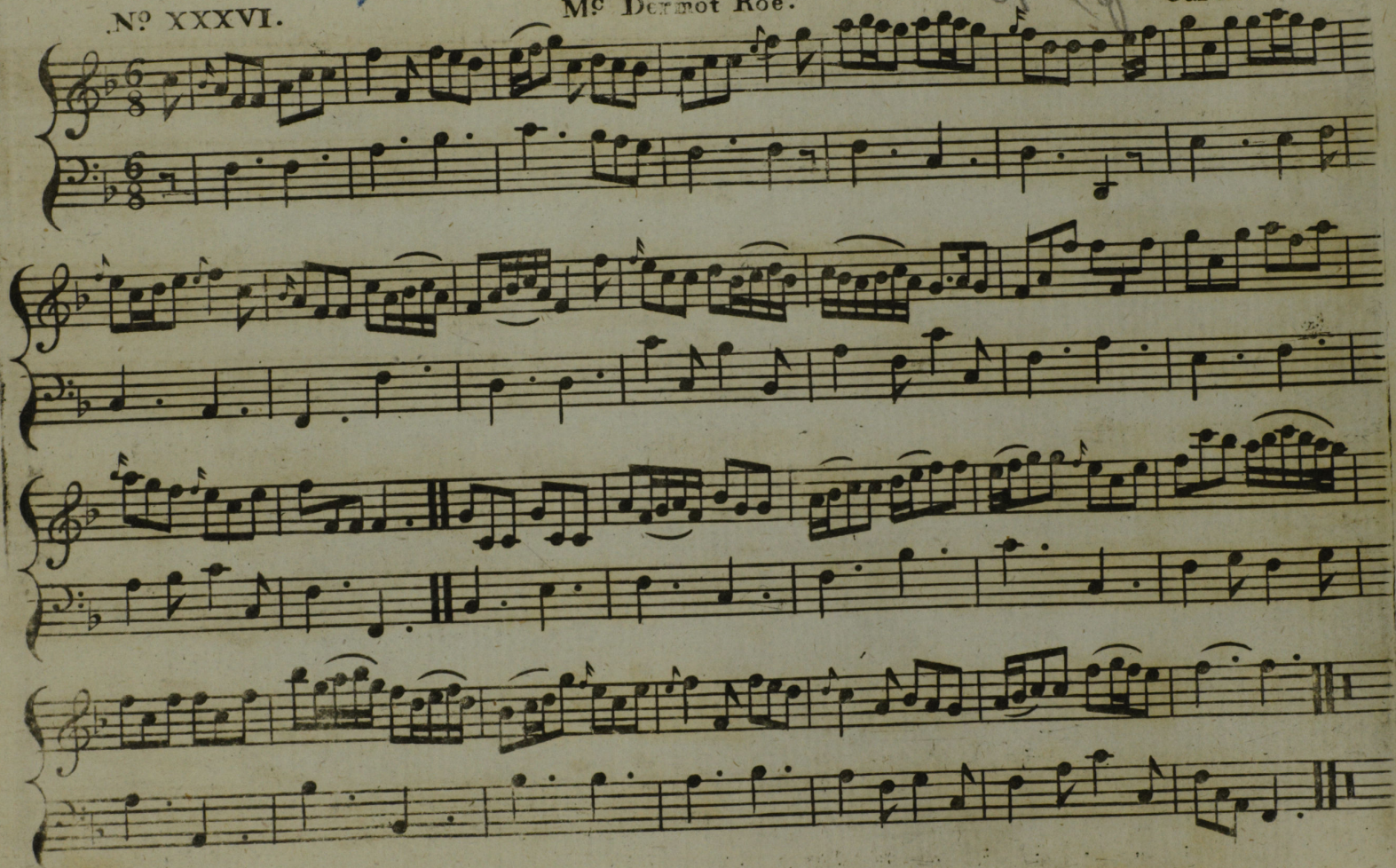
This musical score is for 'Yemen O nock.' It is written for a piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The piece consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a supporting line. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Nº XXX.

Drimen Duff.

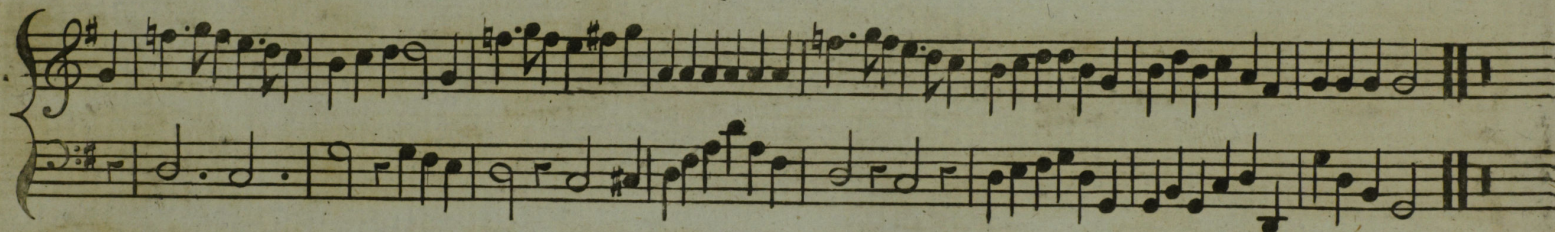
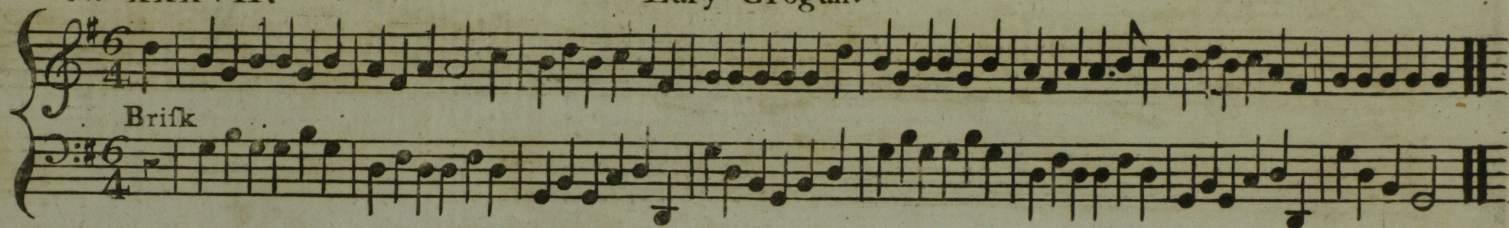
Slow

This musical score is for 'Drimen Duff.' It is written for a piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The piece consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble staff with a melodic line and a bass staff with a supporting line. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.



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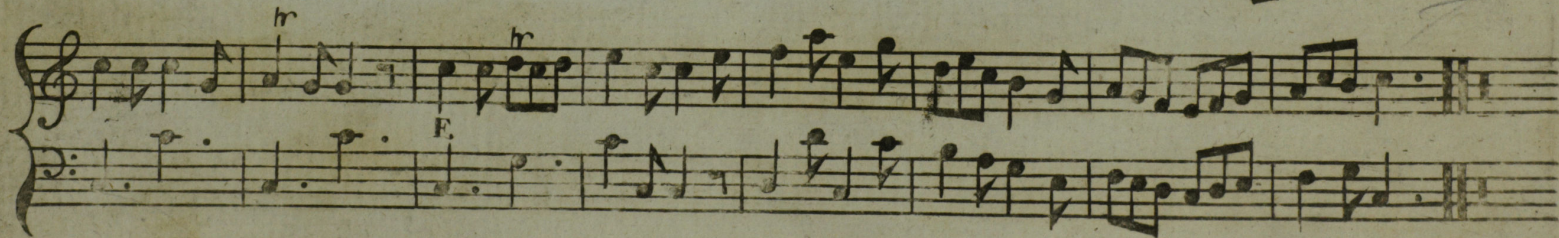
Lary Grogan.



No XXXVIII.

Irish Air.

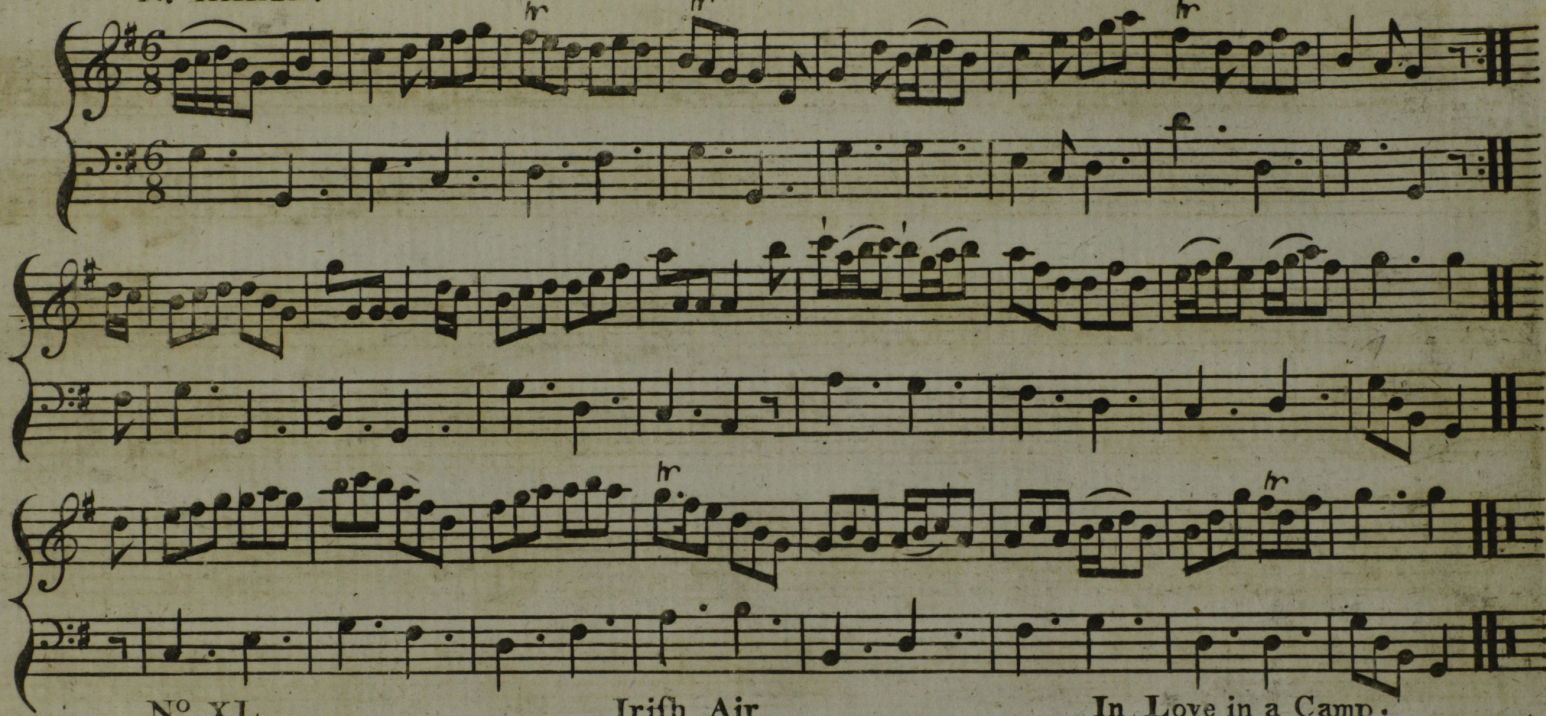
In Robin Hood.



N^o XXXIX.

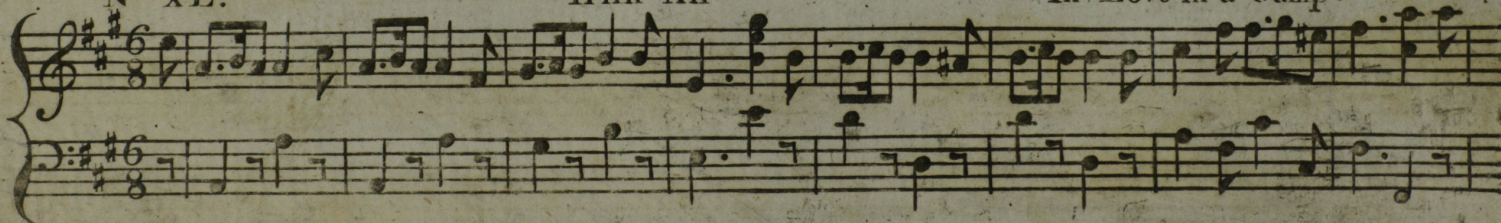
O Connor.

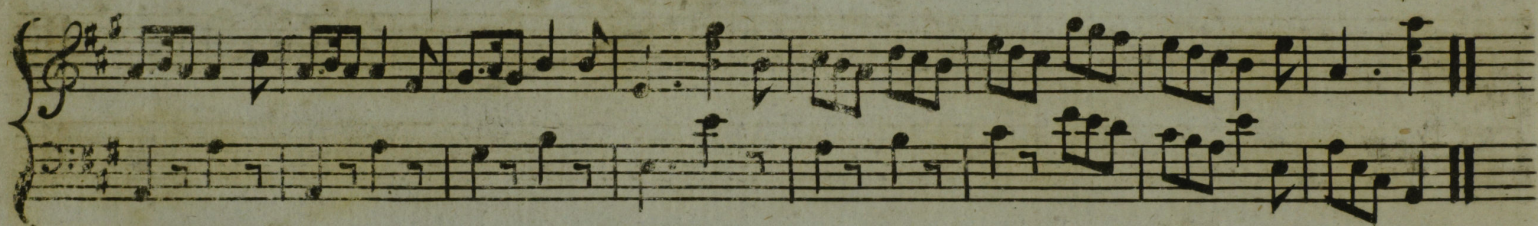
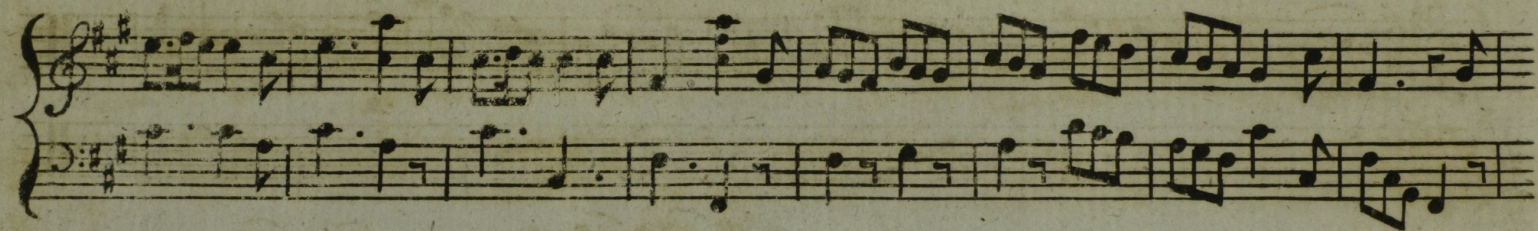
Carolan.

N^o XL.

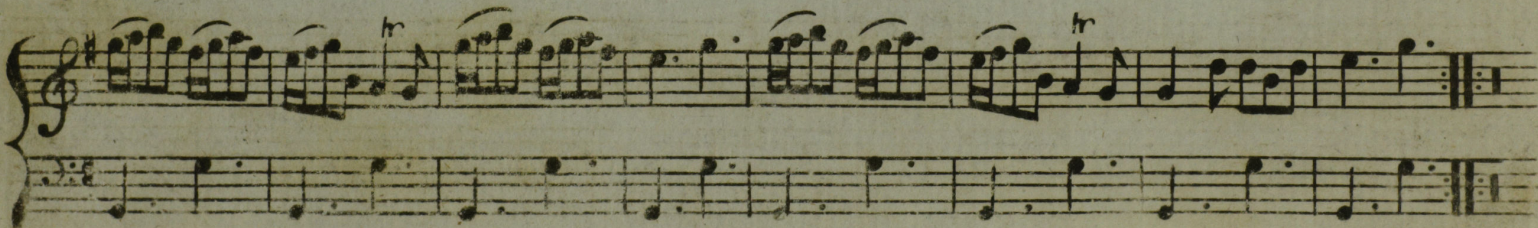
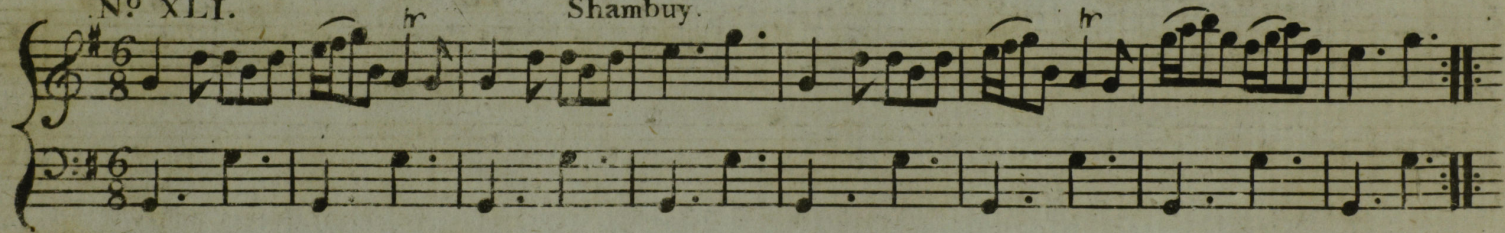
Irish Air

In Love in a Camp.



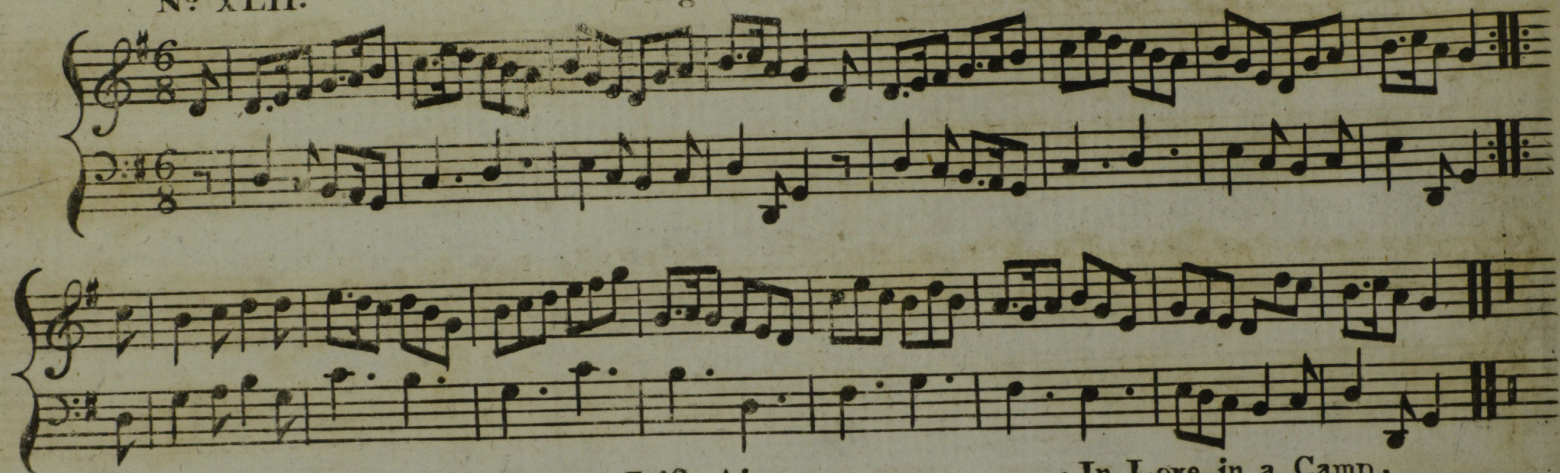
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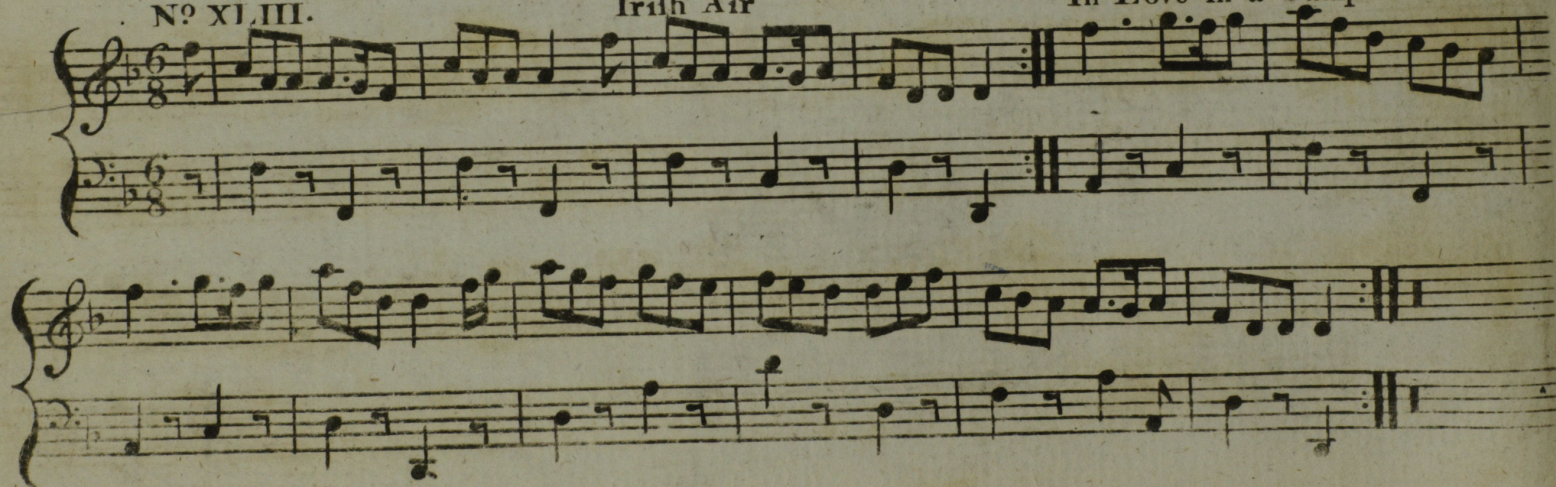
N^o XLII.

Largo Lee.

N^o XLIII.

Irish Air

In Love in a Camp.



Nº XLIV.

Maurice O Connor.

Carolan.

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John Mac

A handwritten musical score for a piece titled "Maurice O Connor" by John Mac. The score is written on six systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines. The piece is identified as a "Carol" (Carol). The page number "27" is written in the top right corner. The number "Nº XLIV." is written in the top left corner. The name "Maurice O Connor." is written above the first staff, and "Carol." is written above the second staff. The signature "John Mac" is written in the top right corner.

Believe me

Handwritten musical score for 'Irish Mad Song'. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system is marked 'Slow' and the second system is marked 'tr'. The music is in 6/8 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Handwritten musical score for 'Paddy Whack'. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system is marked 'tr'. The music is in 6/8 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets. The key signature has one sharp (F-sharp).

Nº XLVII.

Irish Blanket.



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Patrick Kelly.

Carolan.



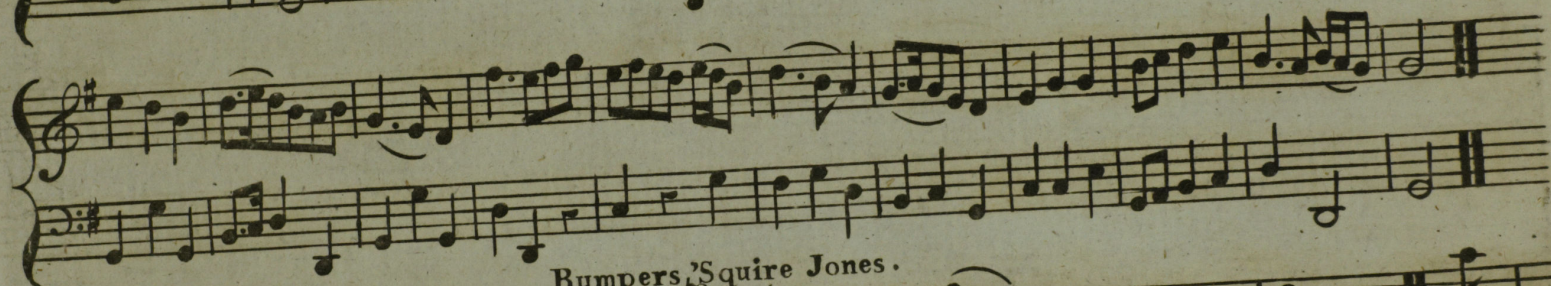
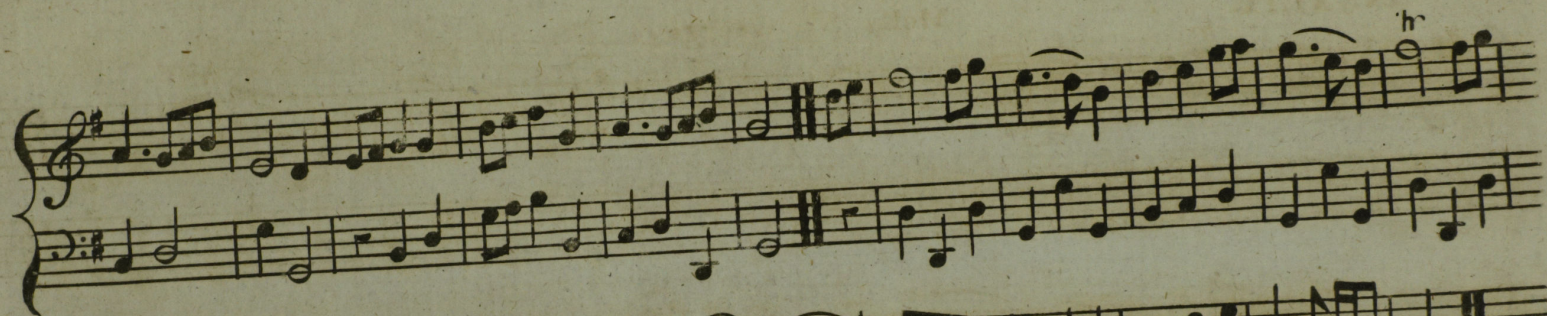
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Molly St. George.

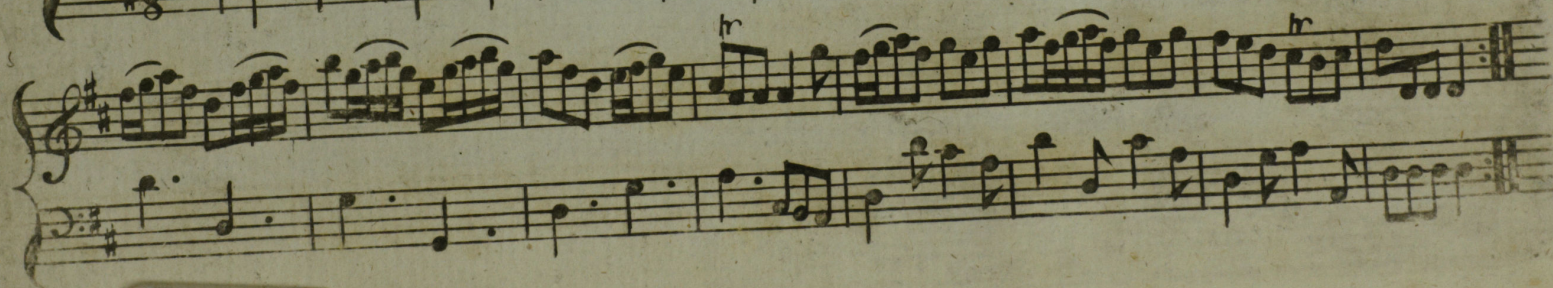
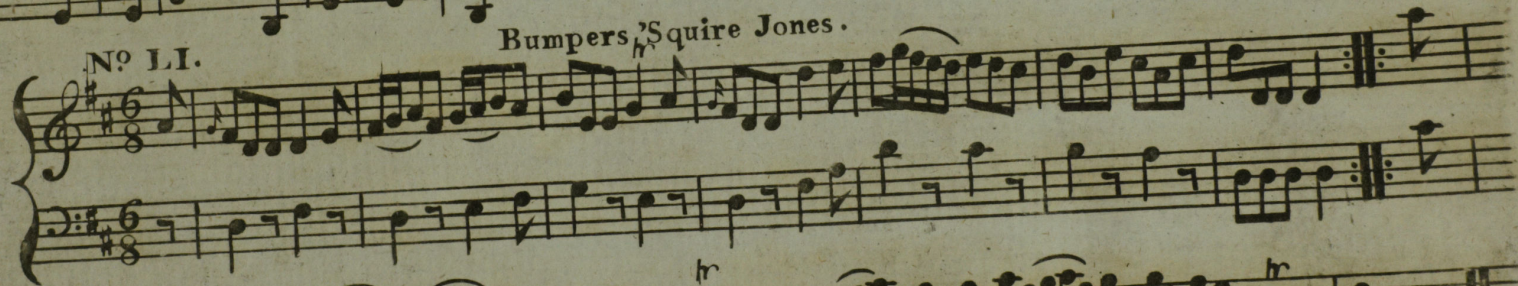
Handwritten musical score for two pieces. The first piece, 'Molly St. George', is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of two staves each. The second piece, 'I am sleeping', is also in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. It also consists of two systems of two staves each. The lyrics 'I am sleeping.' are written above the first staff of the second piece. There are 'tr' markings above certain notes in the first and third staves of both pieces. The manuscript is on aged paper with some staining and a blue ink signature 'J. J. + some time' on the left margin.

N^o L.

I am sleeping.

N^o LI.

Bumpers, Squire Jones.



N^o I. II.

St. Patrick's Day.

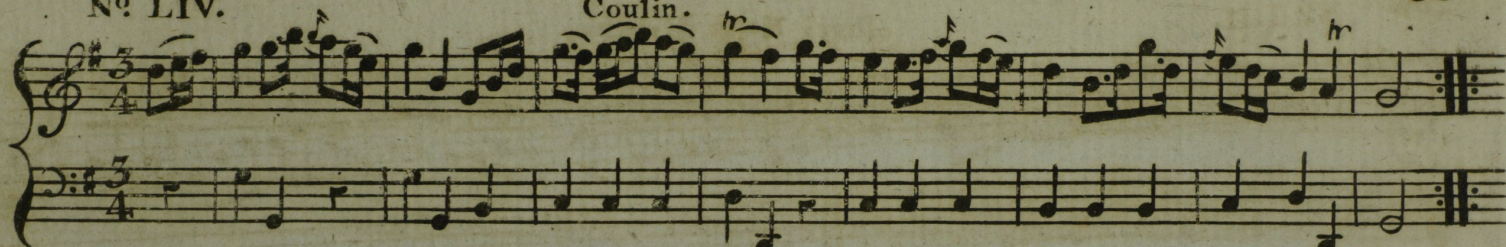
In Love in a Village.

The image displays a handwritten musical score on aged paper, featuring two distinct pieces. The first piece, 'St. Patrick's Day', is marked 'N^o I. II.' and is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of staves, each with a treble and bass line. The melody is characterized by eighth and sixteenth notes, and the piece concludes with a double bar line. The second piece, 'Chilling a Gig', is marked 'N^o I. III.' and is in 9/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. It also consists of two systems of staves, with a treble and bass line. The melody is more complex, featuring many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and it ends with a double bar line. The handwriting is in dark ink, and the paper shows signs of age and wear.

Nº LIV.

Coulin.

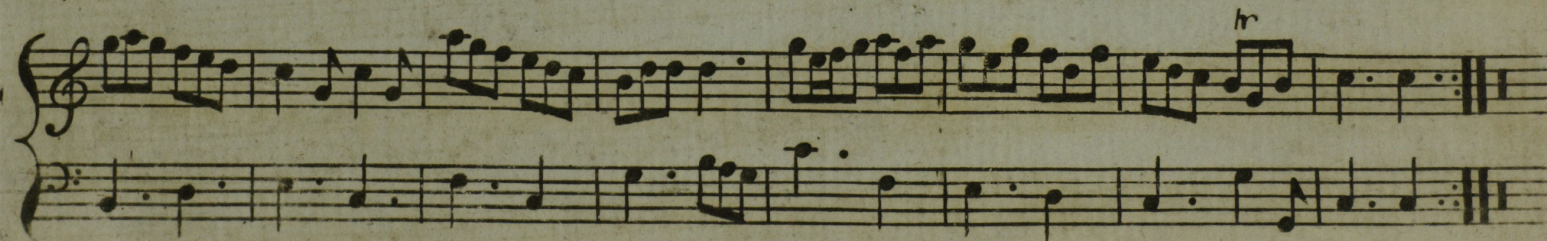
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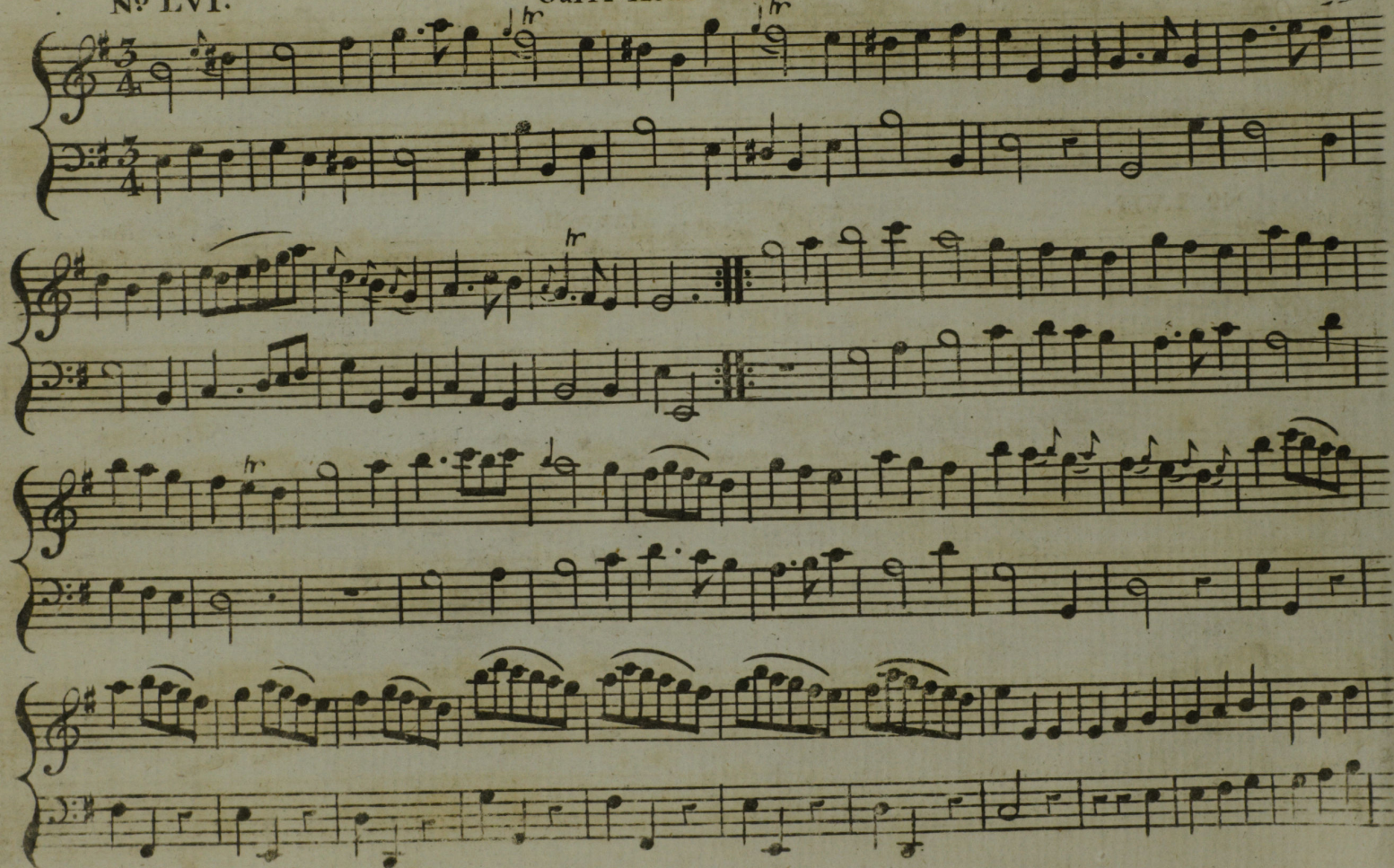


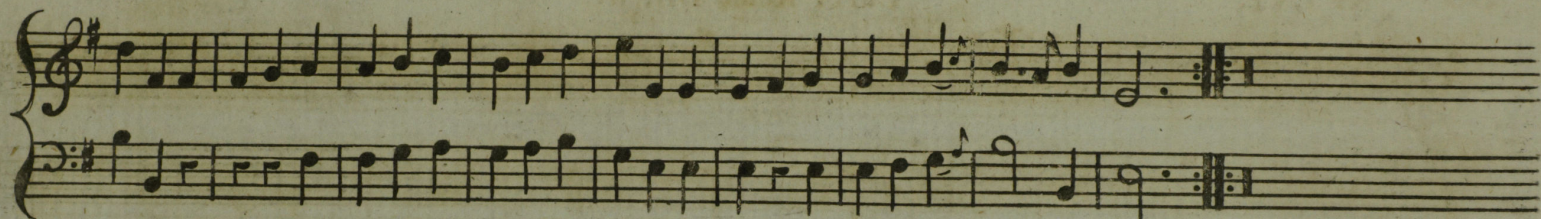
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John Kelly.

Carolan.

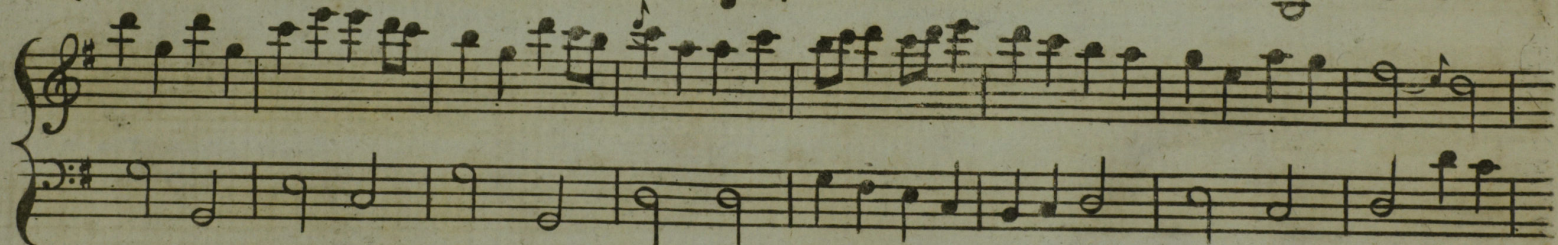
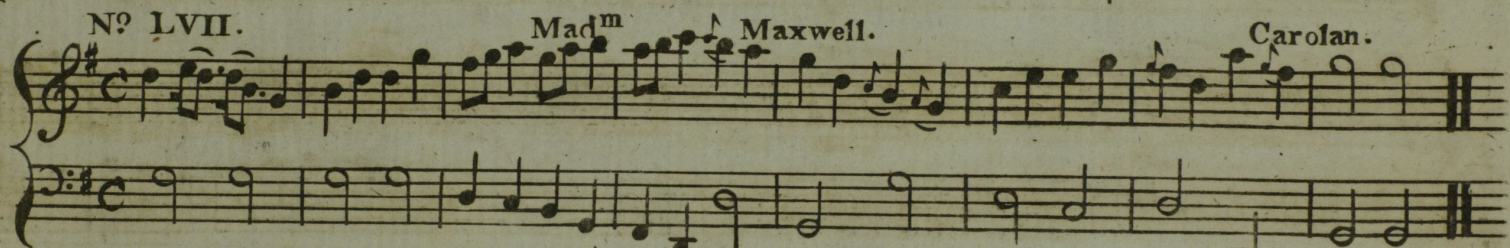




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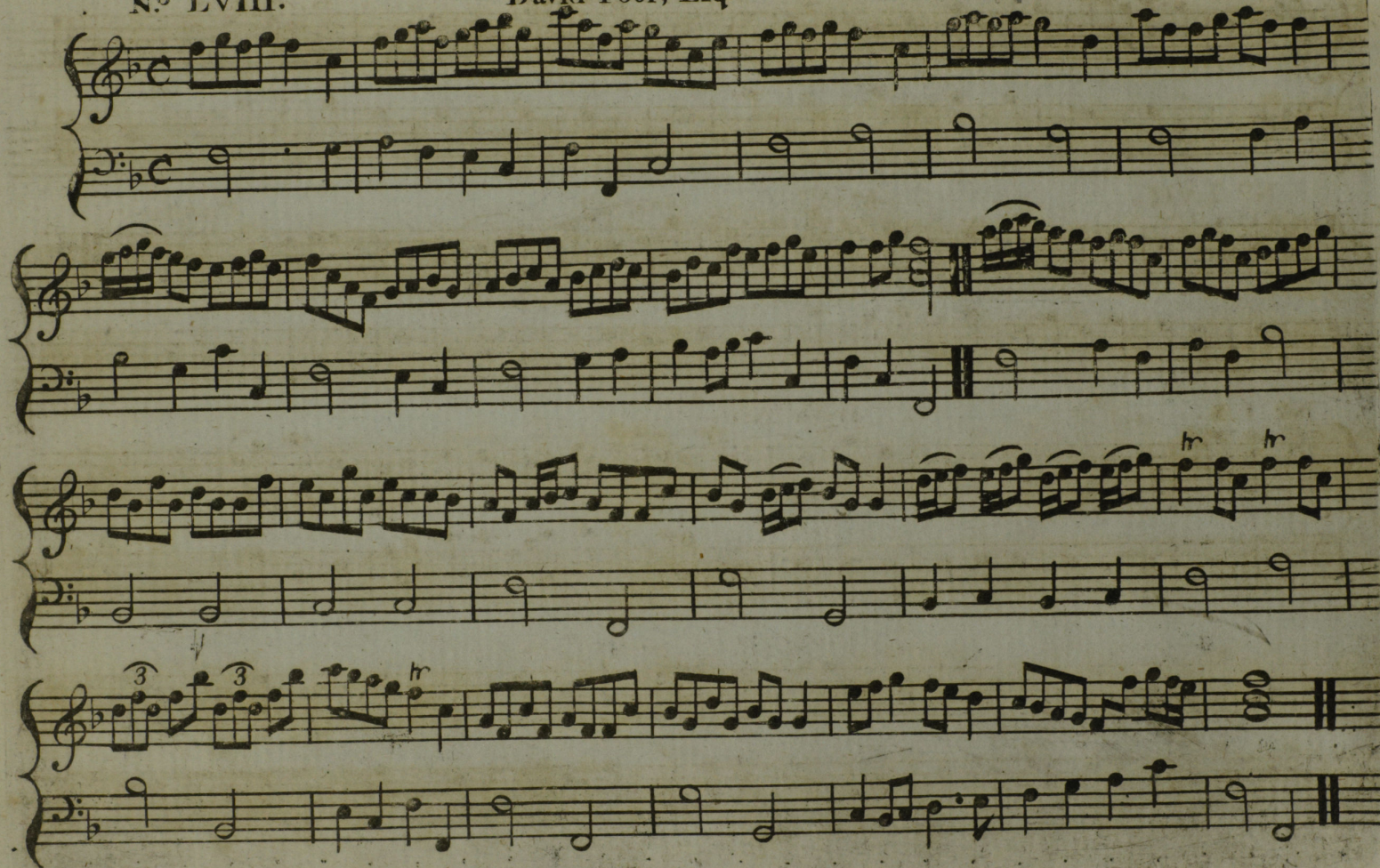
Carolan.



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N^o LVIII.David Poer, Esq^r

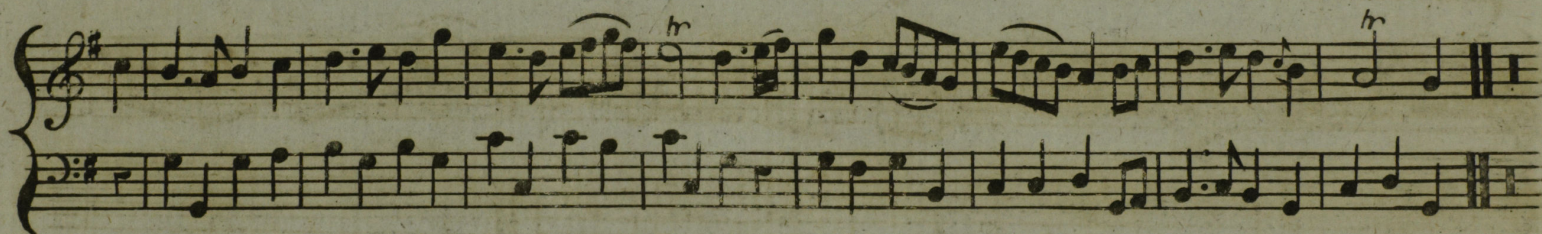
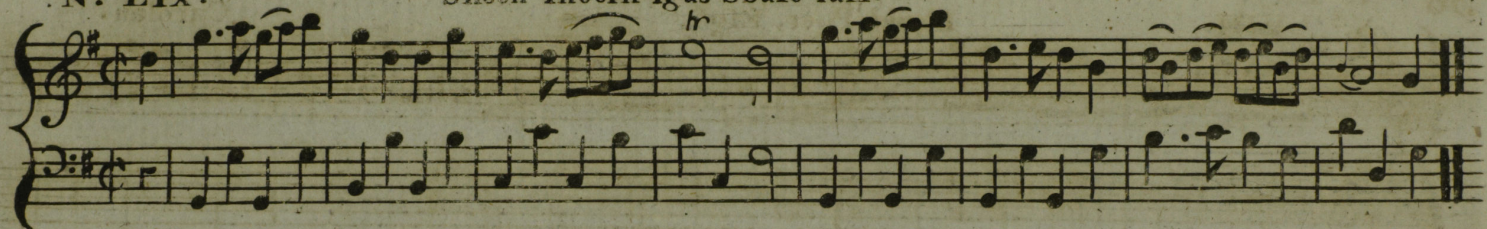
Carolan.



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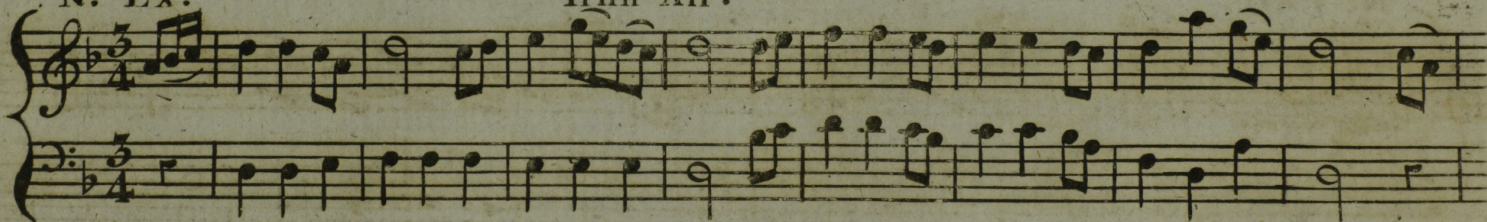
Soft down beside me
Sheen theaíh igus Soufe lum.

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Nº LX.

Irish Air.



Handwritten musical score for 'The Rakes of Westmeath'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 9/8. The first system contains four measures, and the second system contains four measures. The music is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

N^o LXII.

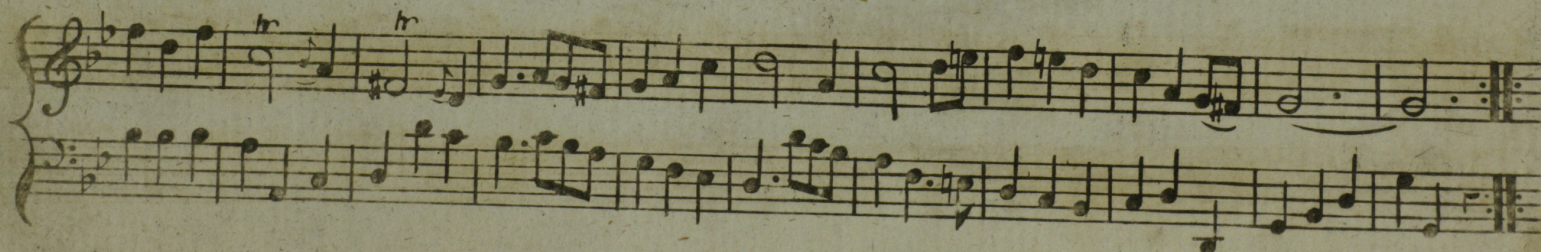
Speic Seoach.

Handwritten musical score for 'Speic Seoach'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system is marked 'Slow' and contains four measures. The second system contains four measures. The music is written in a cursive, handwritten style. There are some handwritten markings, including 'm' above the first measure of the second system.

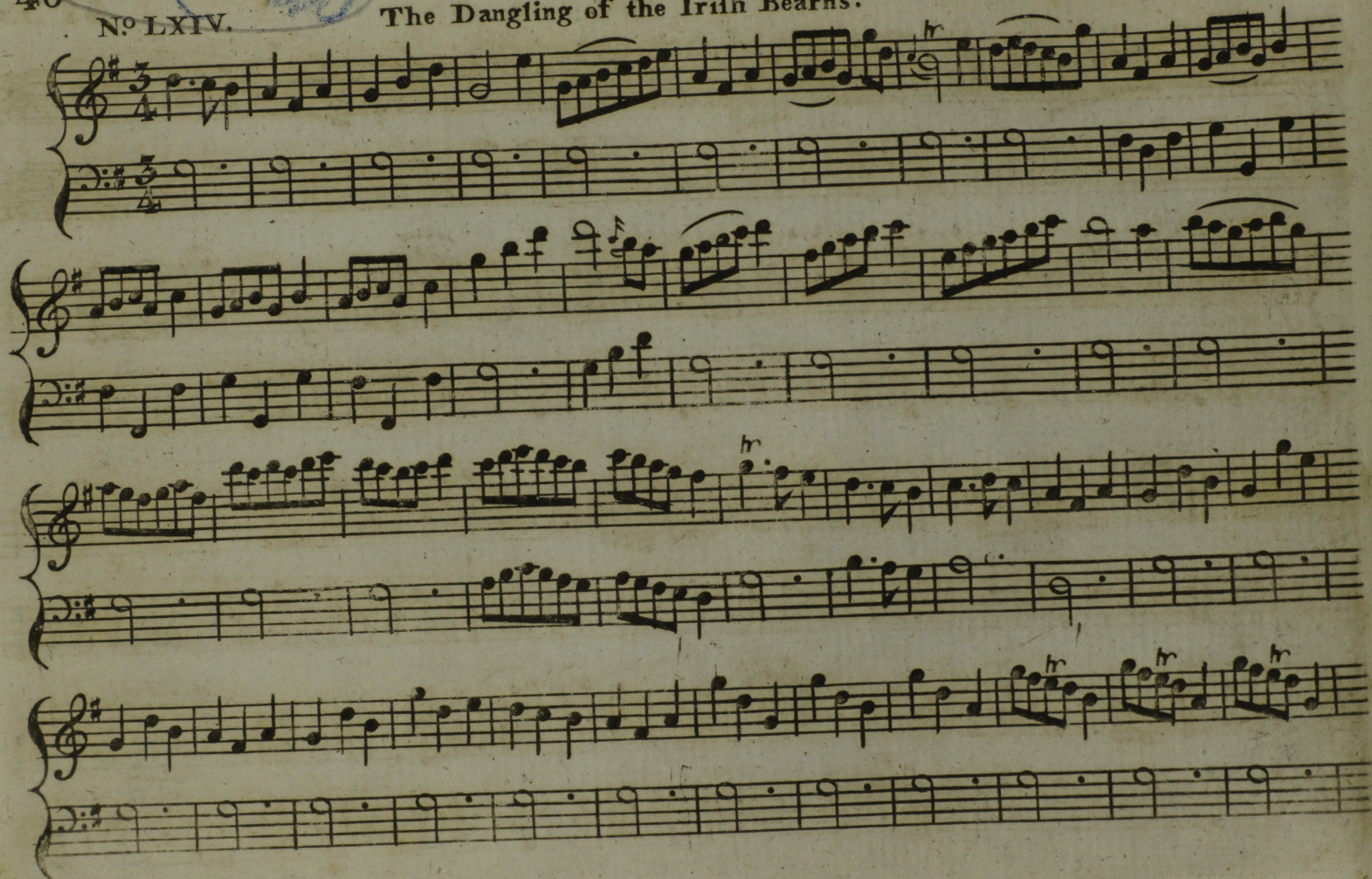


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Slaunt Ri Plulib.



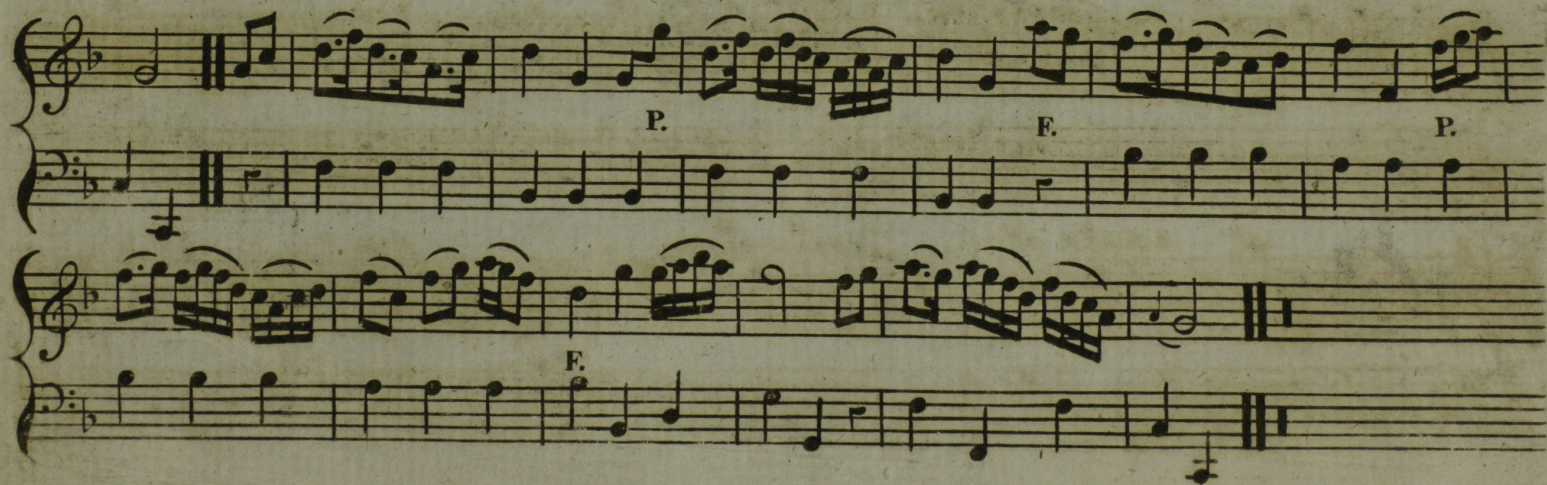
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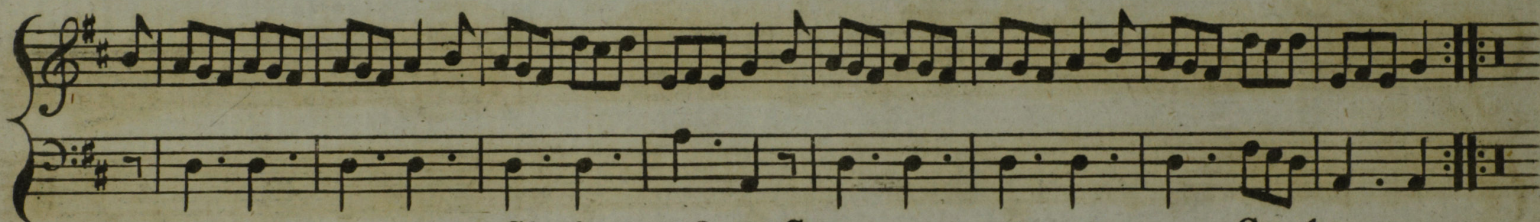




Nº LXV.

Lord Galloway's Lamentation.





Nº LXVIII.

George Reynolds, Esq^r

Carolⁿ.

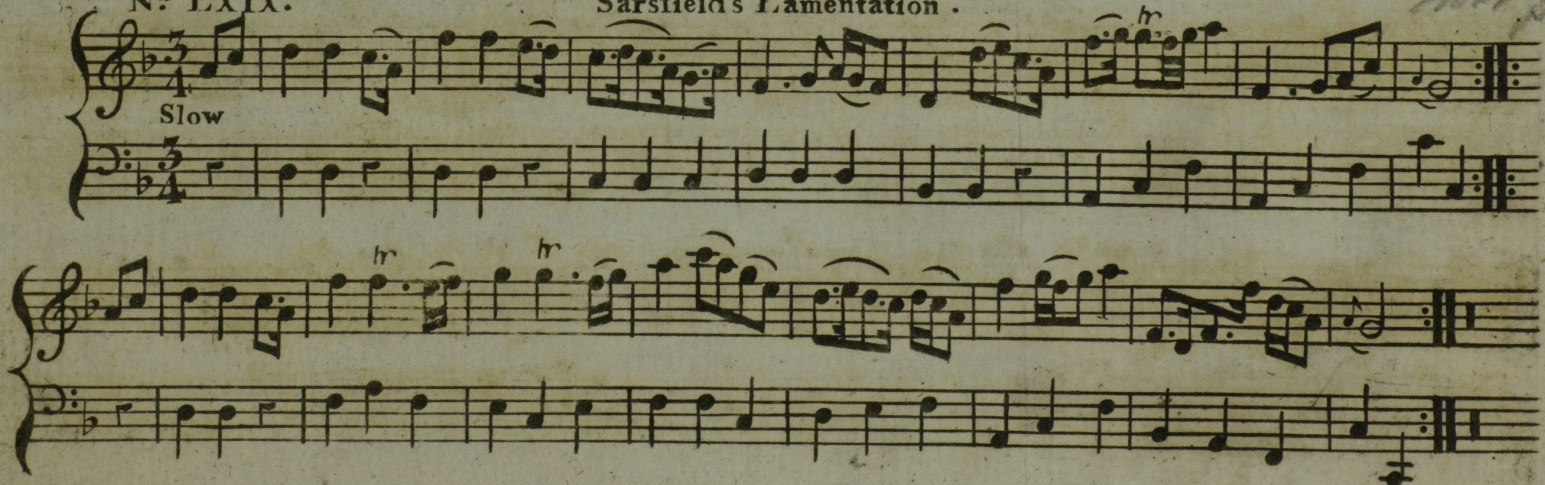
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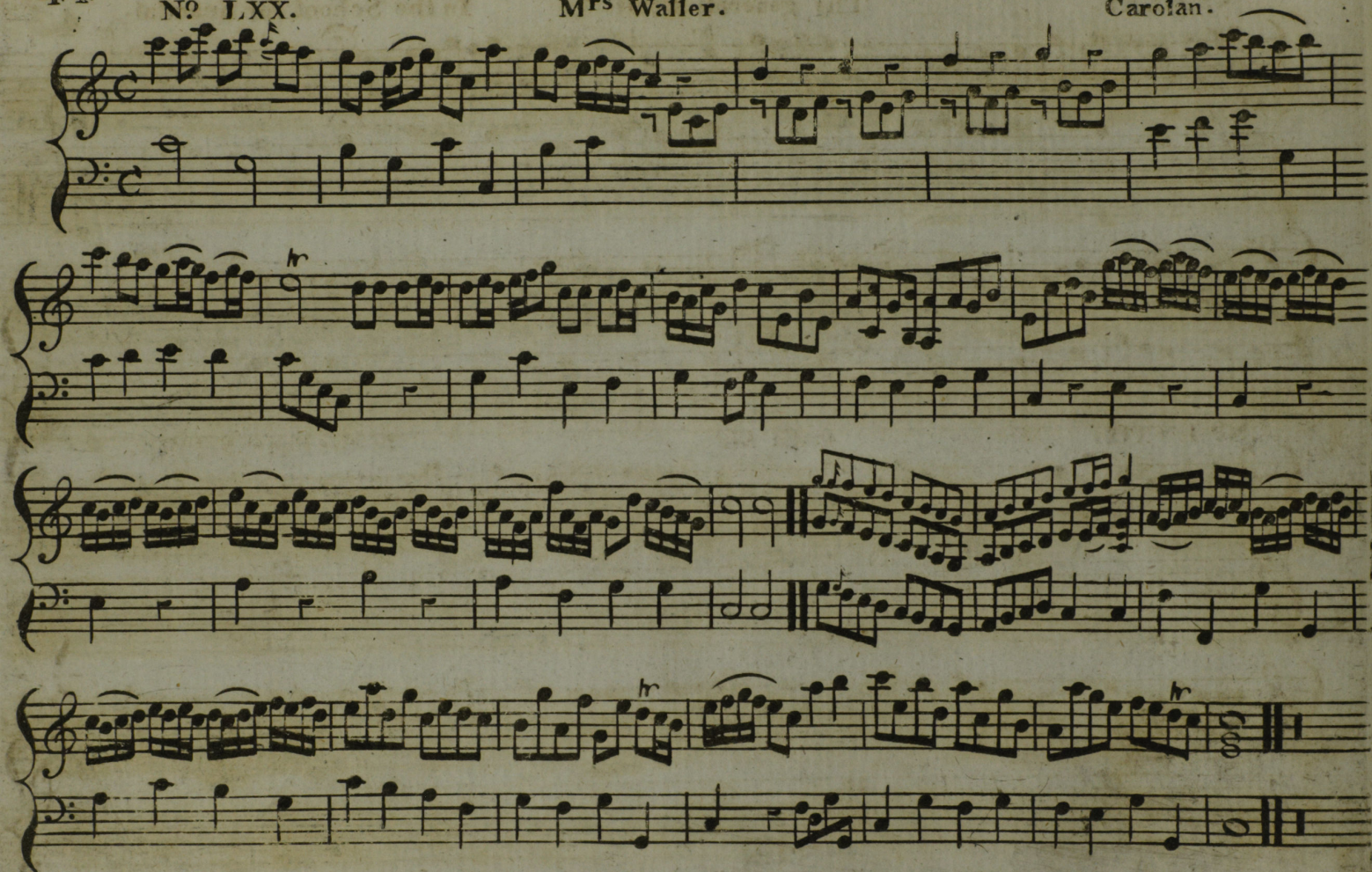


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Sarsfield's Lamentation.

Slow



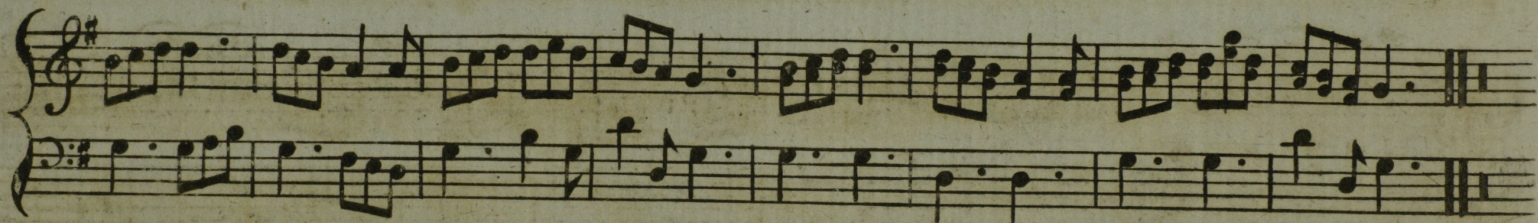
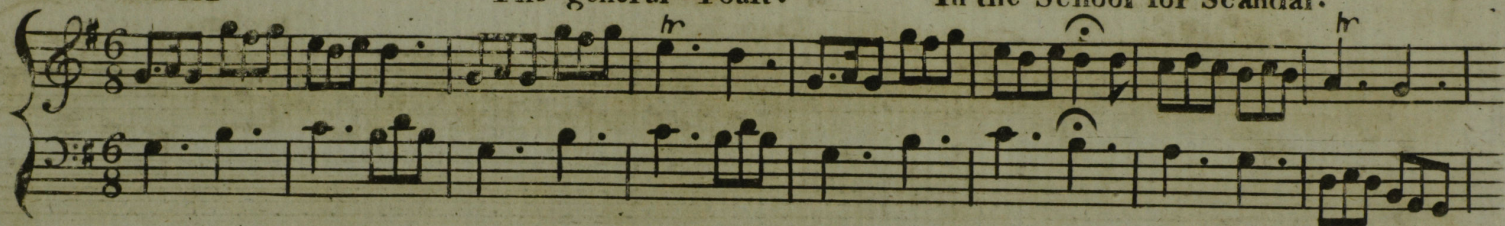


Nº LXXI.

The general Toast.

In the School for Scandal.

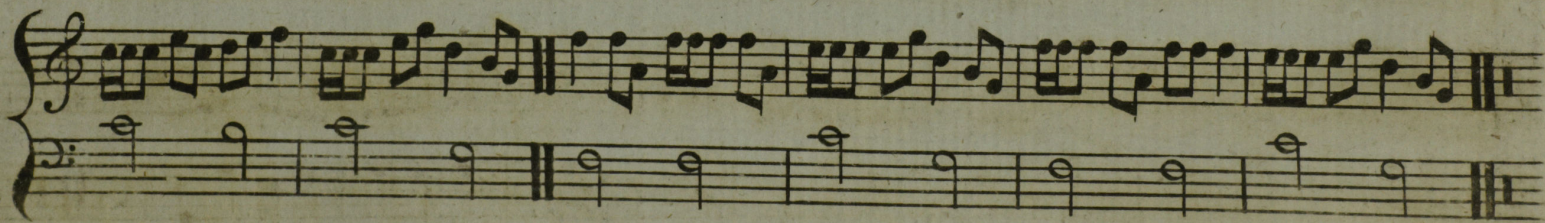
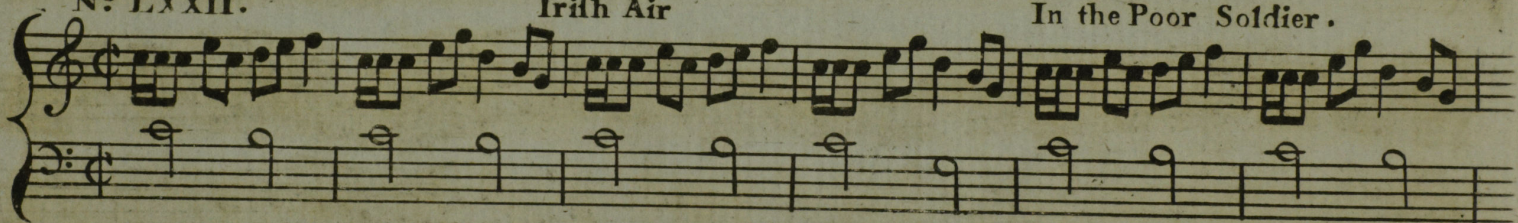
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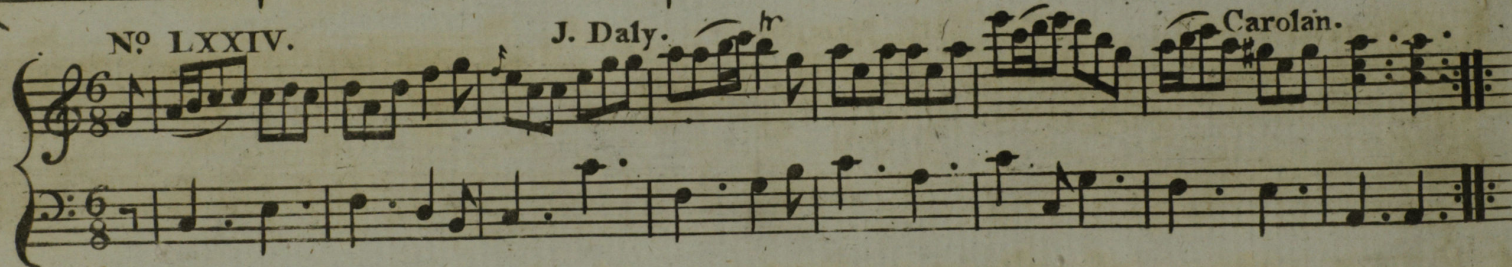
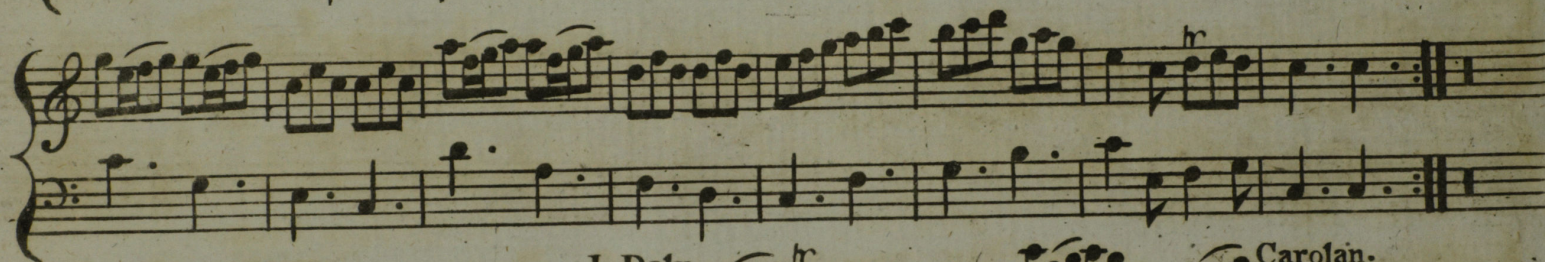
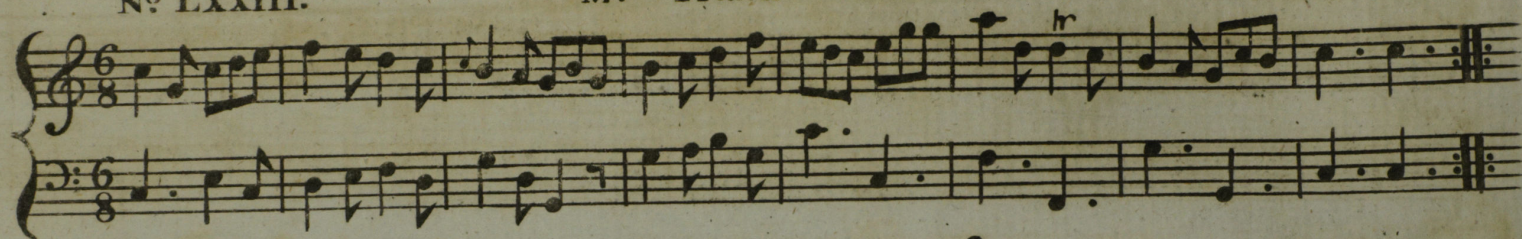


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Irish Air

In the Poor Soldier.

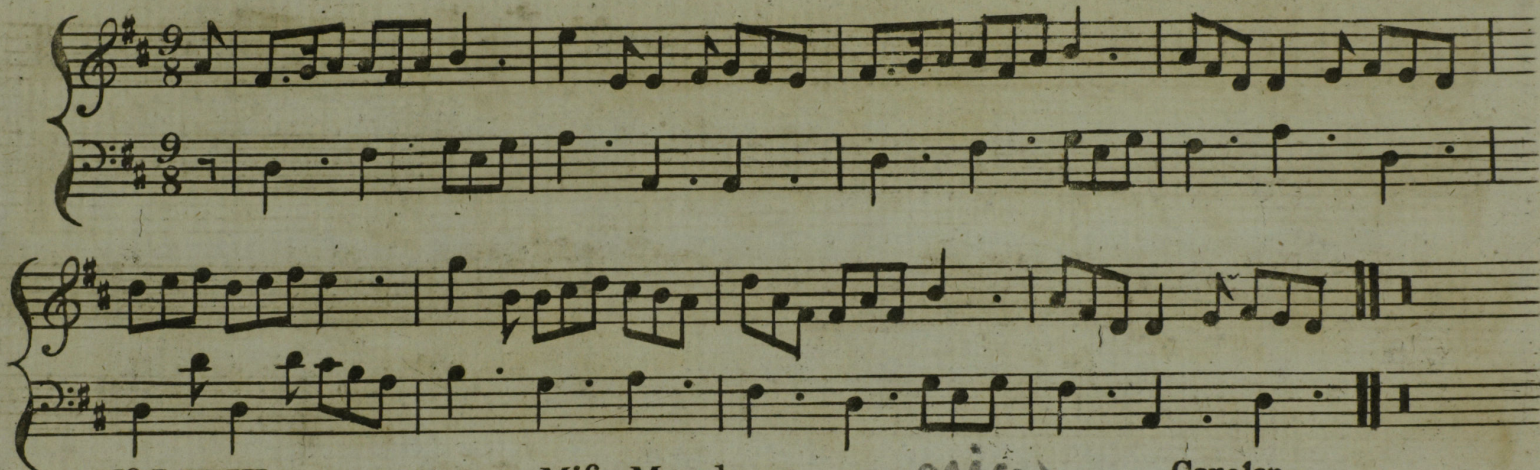




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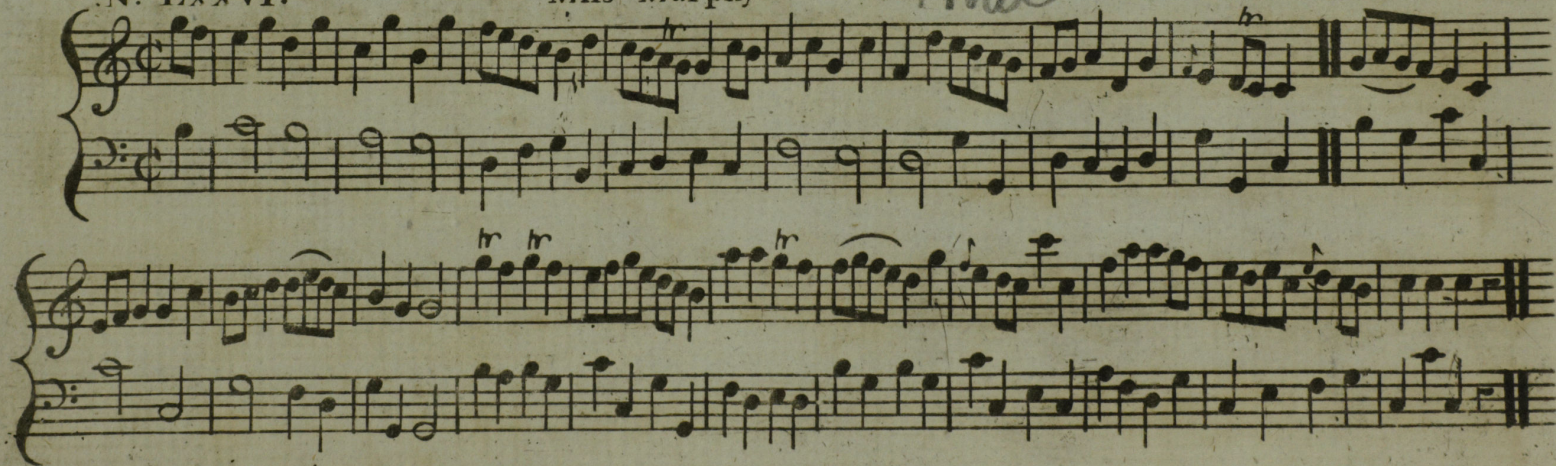
Irish Air

In the Poor Soldier.

N^o LXXVI.

Miss Murphy.

Carolan.

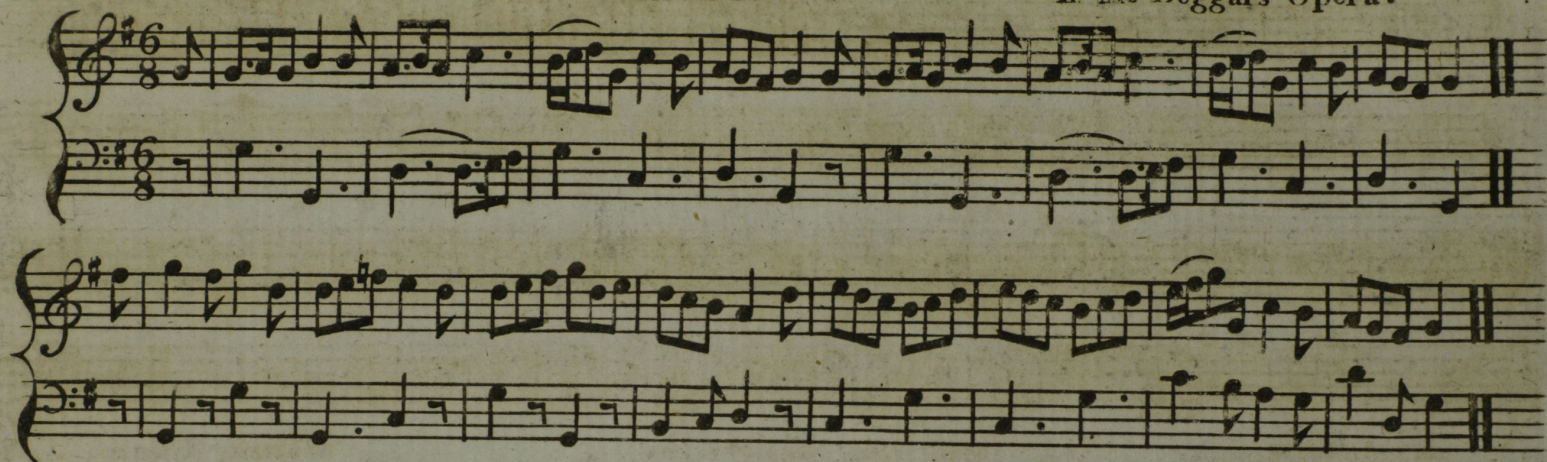


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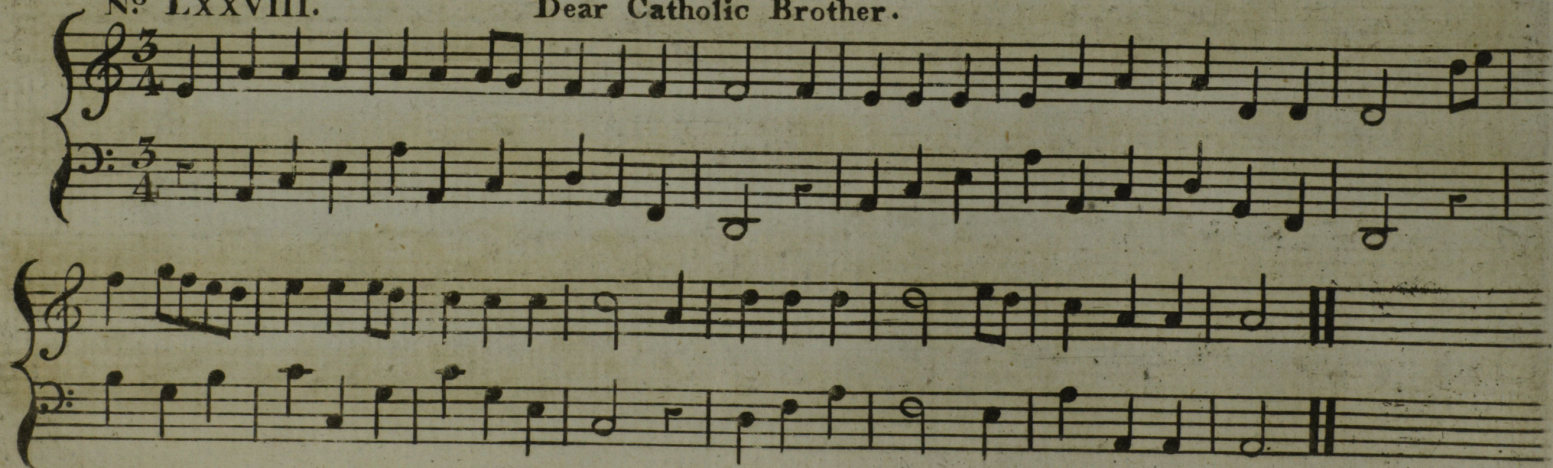
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Lillibulero.

In the Beggars Opera.

N^o LXXVIII.

Dear Catholic Brother.

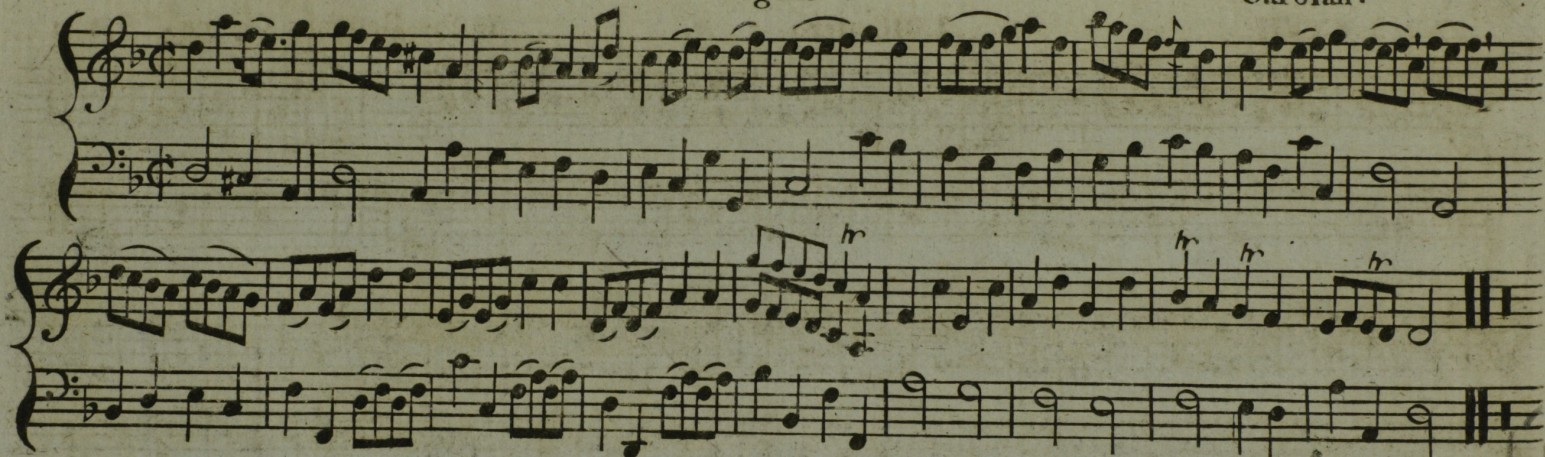


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Mrs Nugent.

Carolan.

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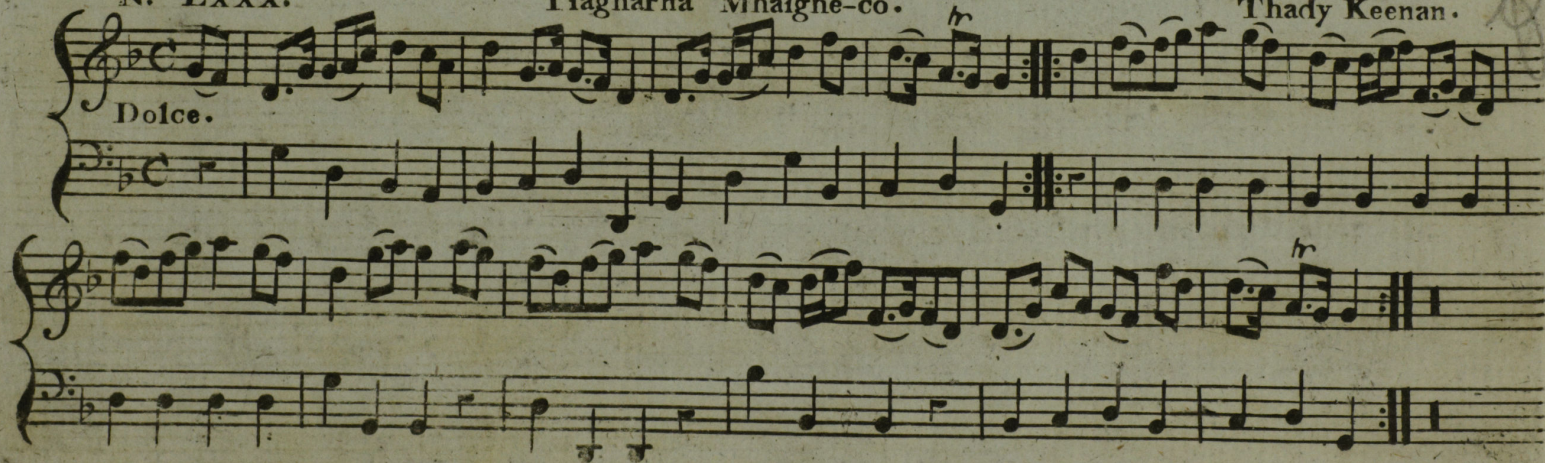


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Tiagharna Mhaighe-co.

Thady Keenan.

Dolce.

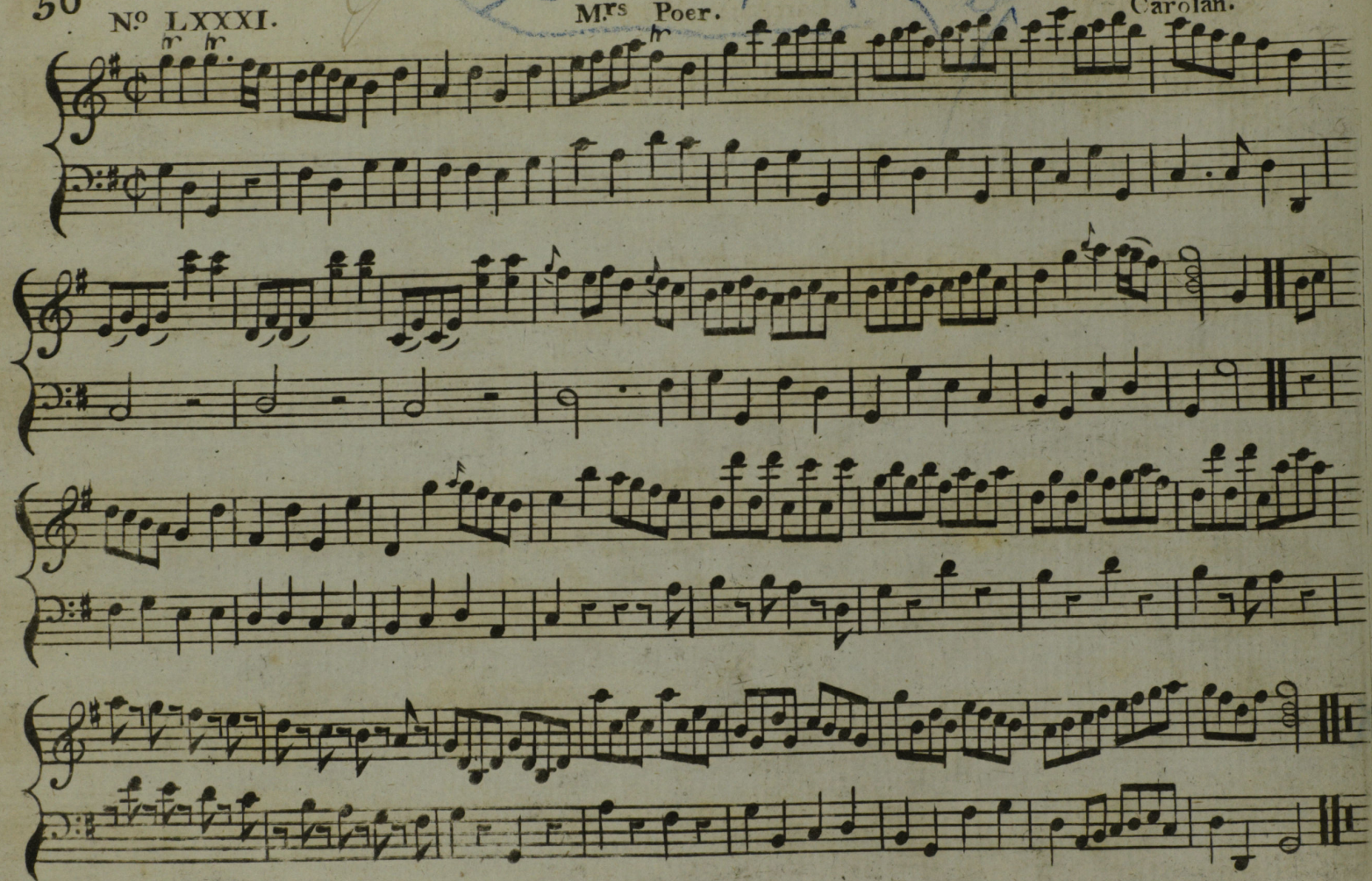


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N^o LXXXI.

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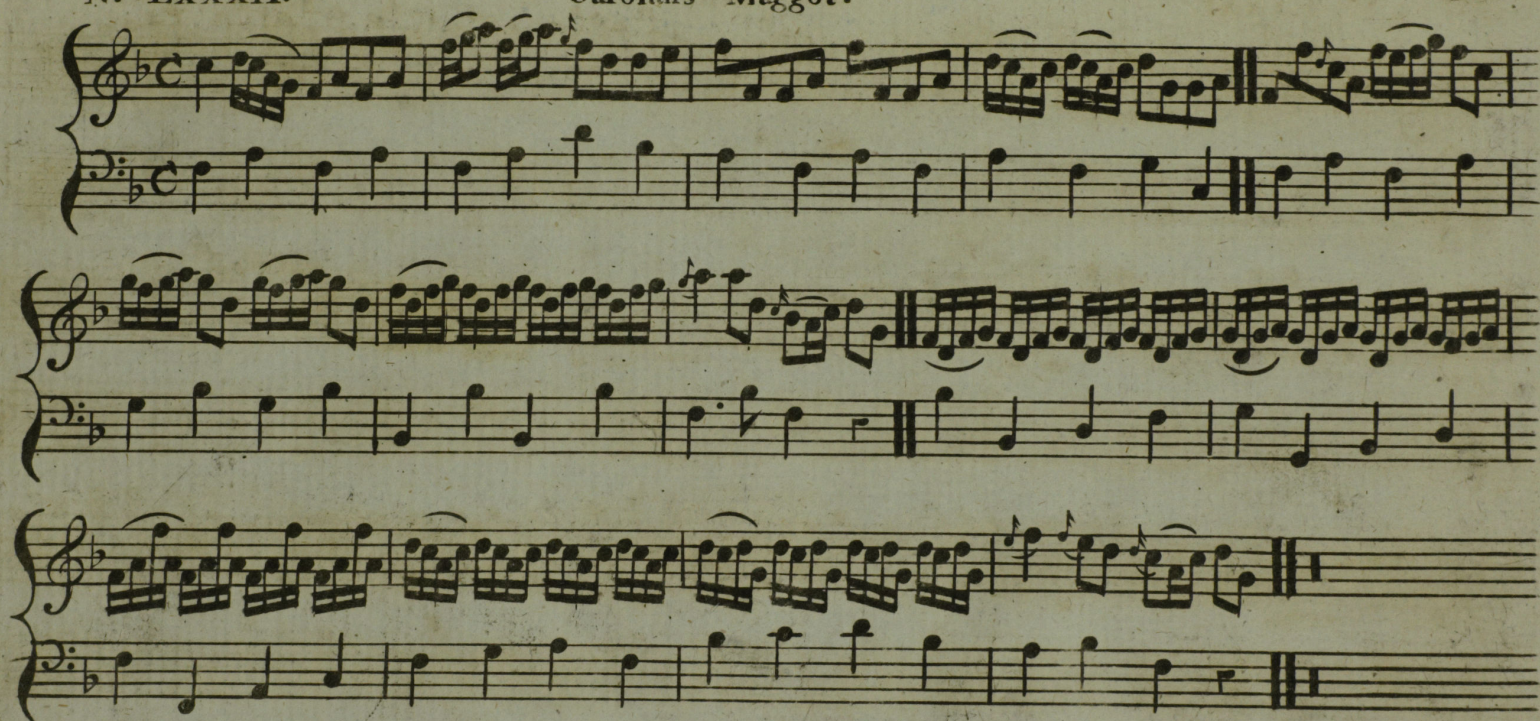
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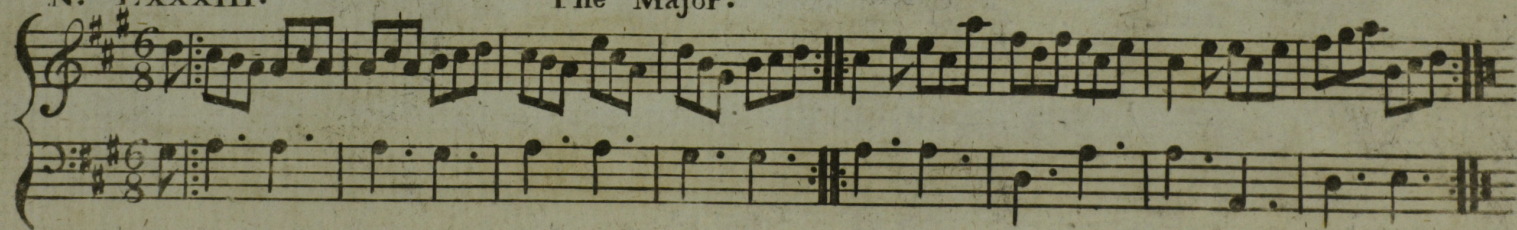
Carolan's Maggot.

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The Major.



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N^o LXXXIV.

Irish Cry.

Slow

Jigg

The image shows a handwritten musical score on aged paper. The first system is for a piece titled 'Irish Cry.' in 3/4 time, marked 'Slow'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff includes sixteenth-note runs and is marked with a '6' and a fermata. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The second system is for a piece titled 'Jigg' in 6/8 time, also in the key of one sharp. It consists of two staves. The treble staff contains a continuous sixteenth-note melody, while the bass staff has a simpler accompaniment with dotted rhythms. The notation is clear and typical of 18th or 19th-century manuscript notation.

Nº LXXXV.

Capt. Higgins.

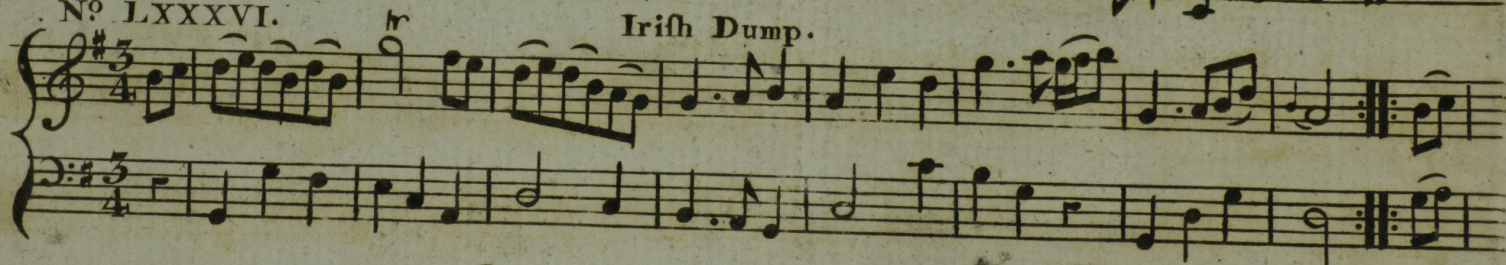
Carolan.

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Nº LXXXVI.

Irish Dump.



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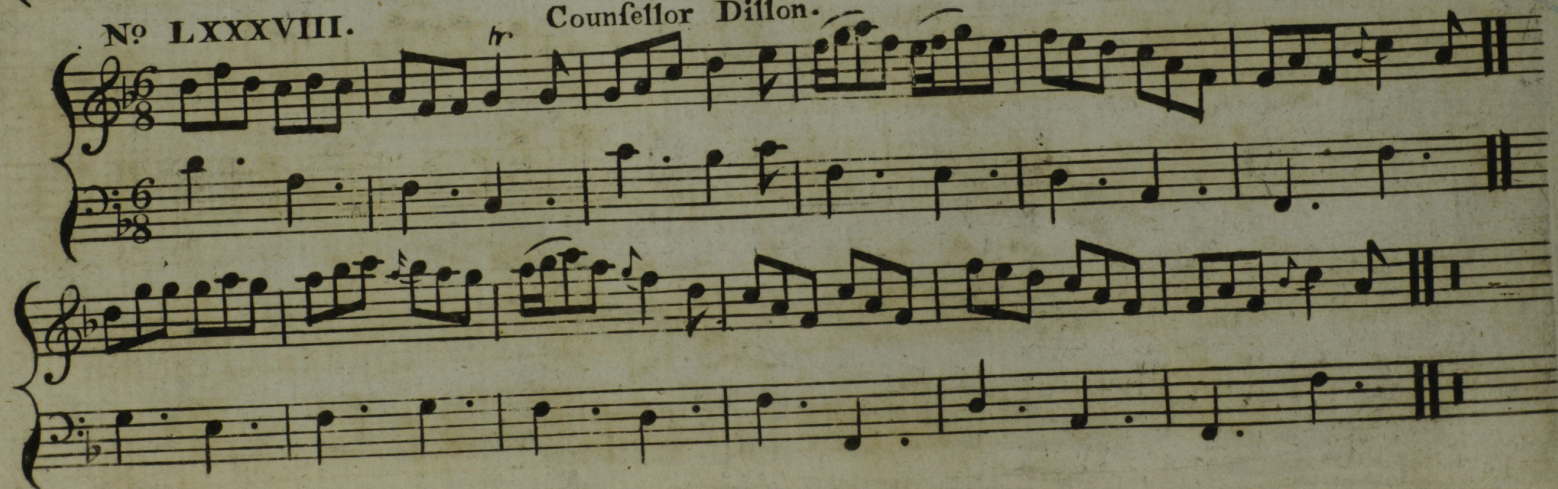
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Loftrum Ponia.

N^o LXXXVIII.

Counsellor Dillon.

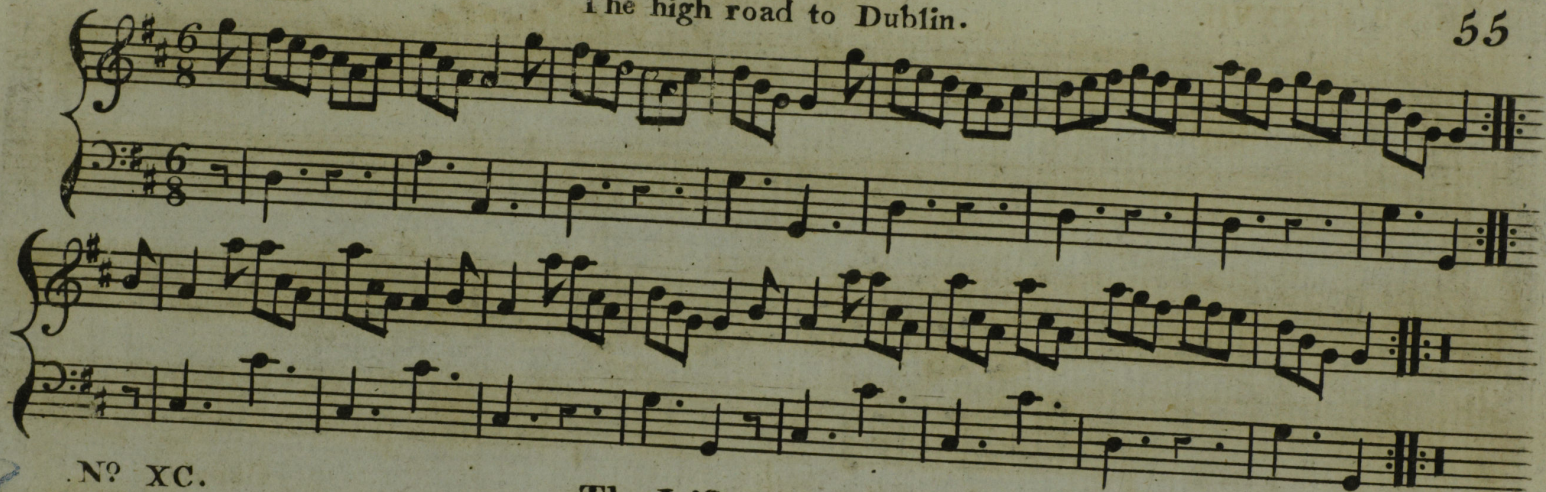
Carolan.



No. LXXXIX.

The high road to Dublin.

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No. XC.

The Irish Widow.



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N^o XCI.

The Plough Tune.

Handwritten musical score for 'The Plough Tune' (N^o XCI). The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and repeat signs. There are also some handwritten markings, including 'tr' (trill) and '3' (triplets).

N^o XCII.

Yogh hone O hone.

Handwritten musical score for 'Yogh hone O hone' (N^o XCII). The piece is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two systems of two staves each. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and repeat signs.

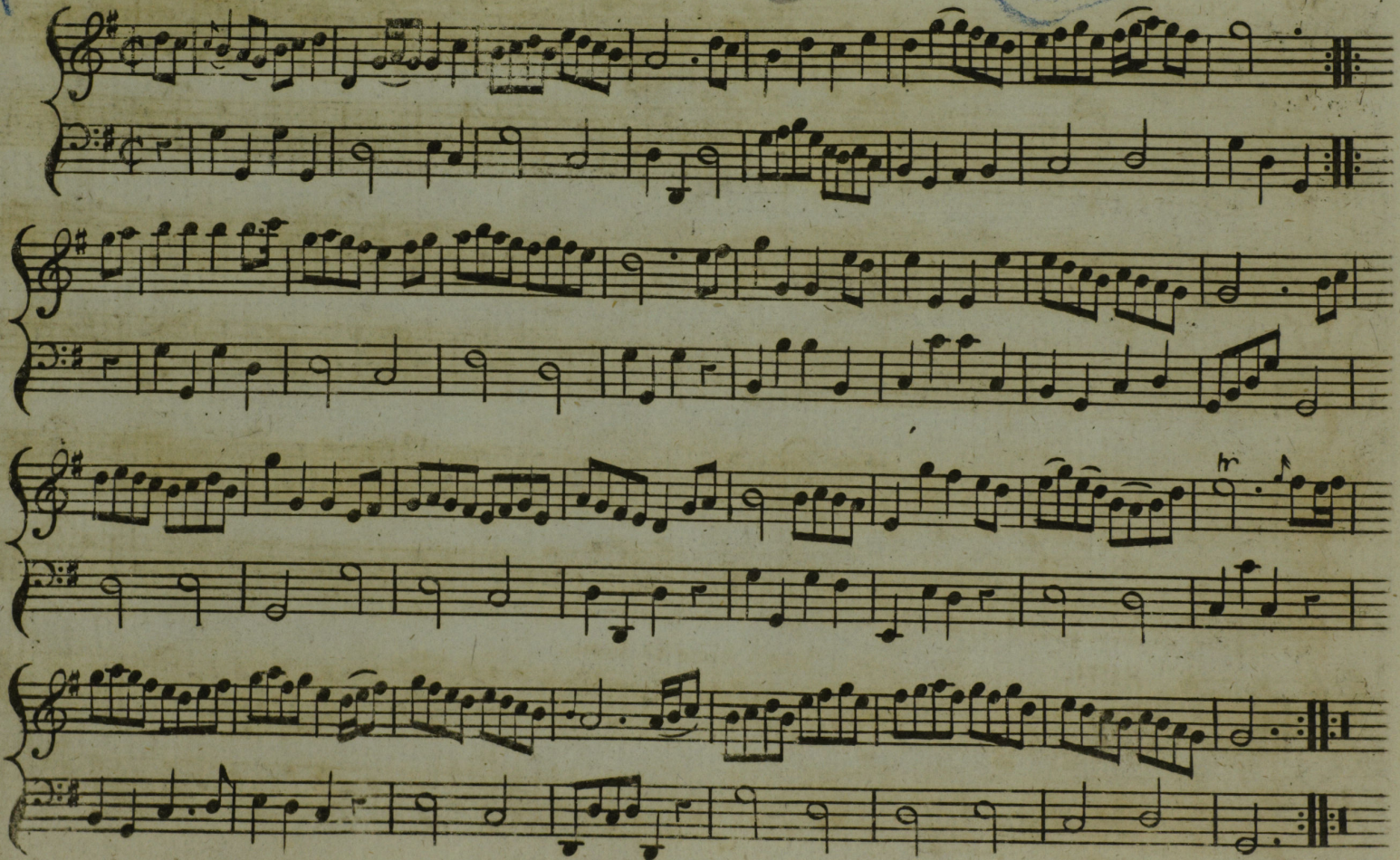
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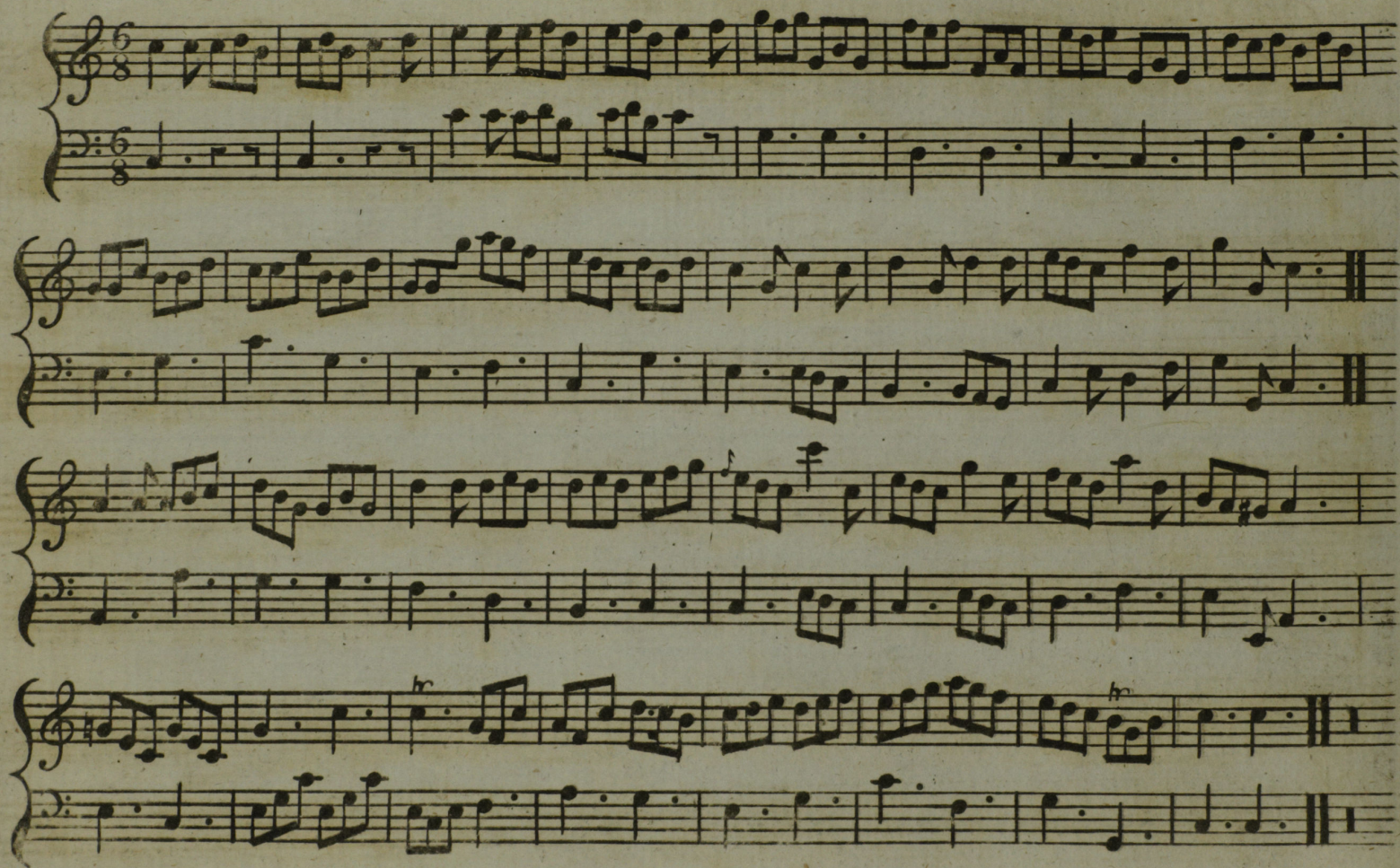
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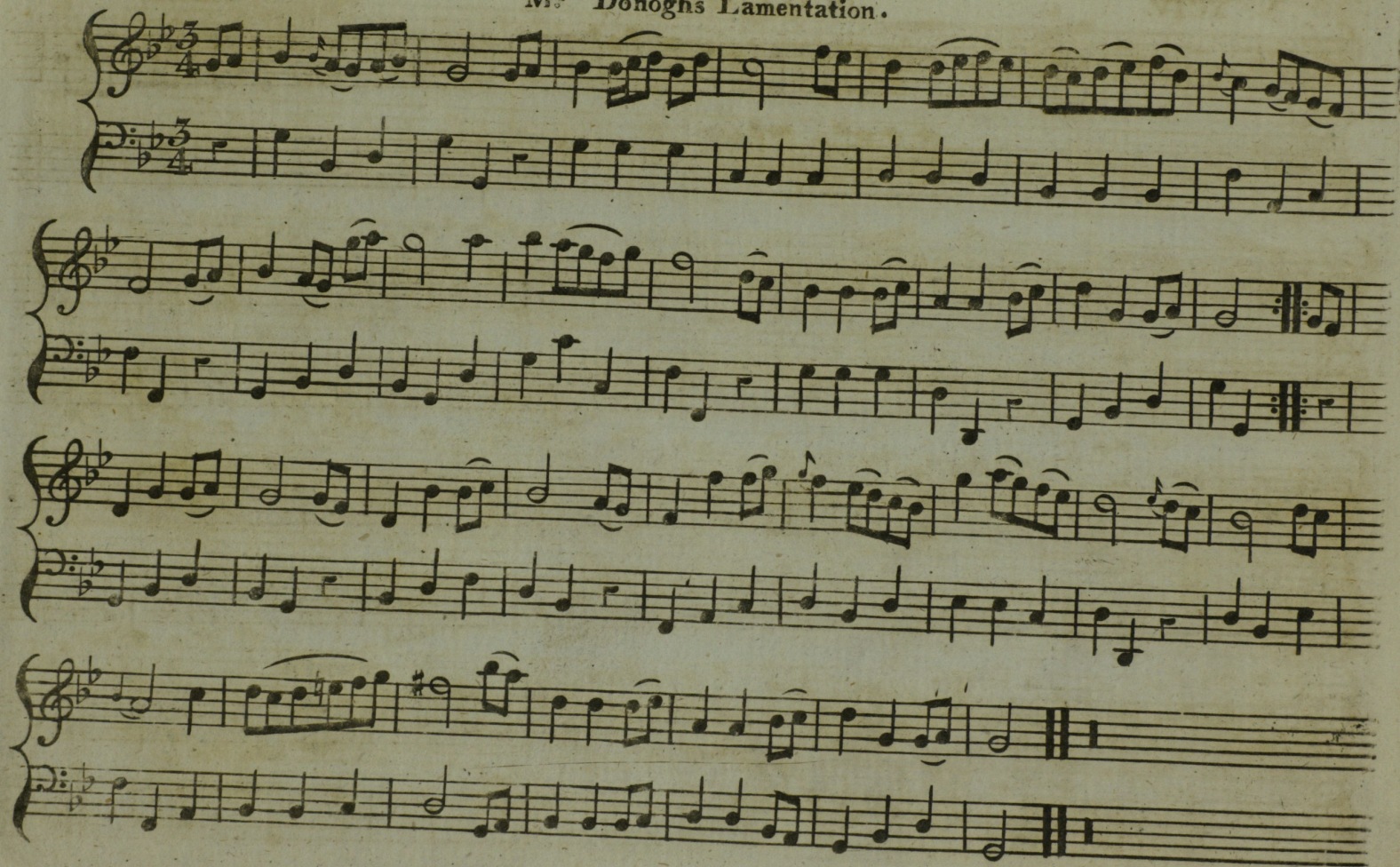
Nº XCIII.

Thomas Burke

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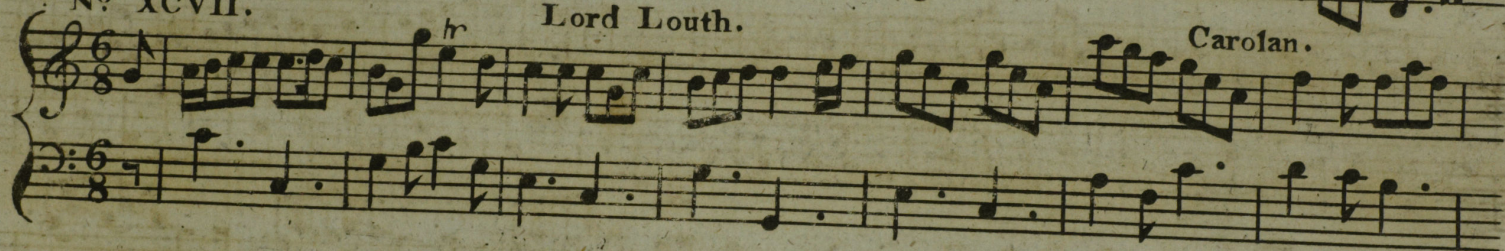


Handwritten musical score for "Lady Dillon" by Carolan, page 60. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system begins with a treble staff containing a melodic line with several trills marked with a small 'tr' and a bass staff with a supporting line. The second system continues the melody with more trills. The third system features a more complex, rapid melodic passage in the treble staff. The fourth system concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to F major (two flats), indicated by a '6/8' time signature and a key signature change in both staves. The notation is in a clear, elegant hand typical of 18th-century manuscript notation.

N^o XCVII.

Lord Louth.

Carolan.



Handwritten musical score for N° XCVIII, Mervyn Spratt, Esq. Carolan. The score is written on six staves, organized into three systems of two staves each. The first system is in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

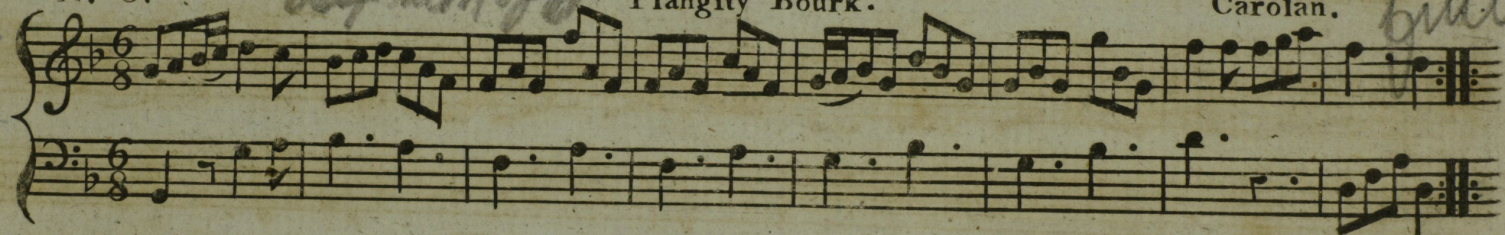
Handwritten musical score for N° XCIX, Limbrick's Lamentation. The score is written on two staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The second staff is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

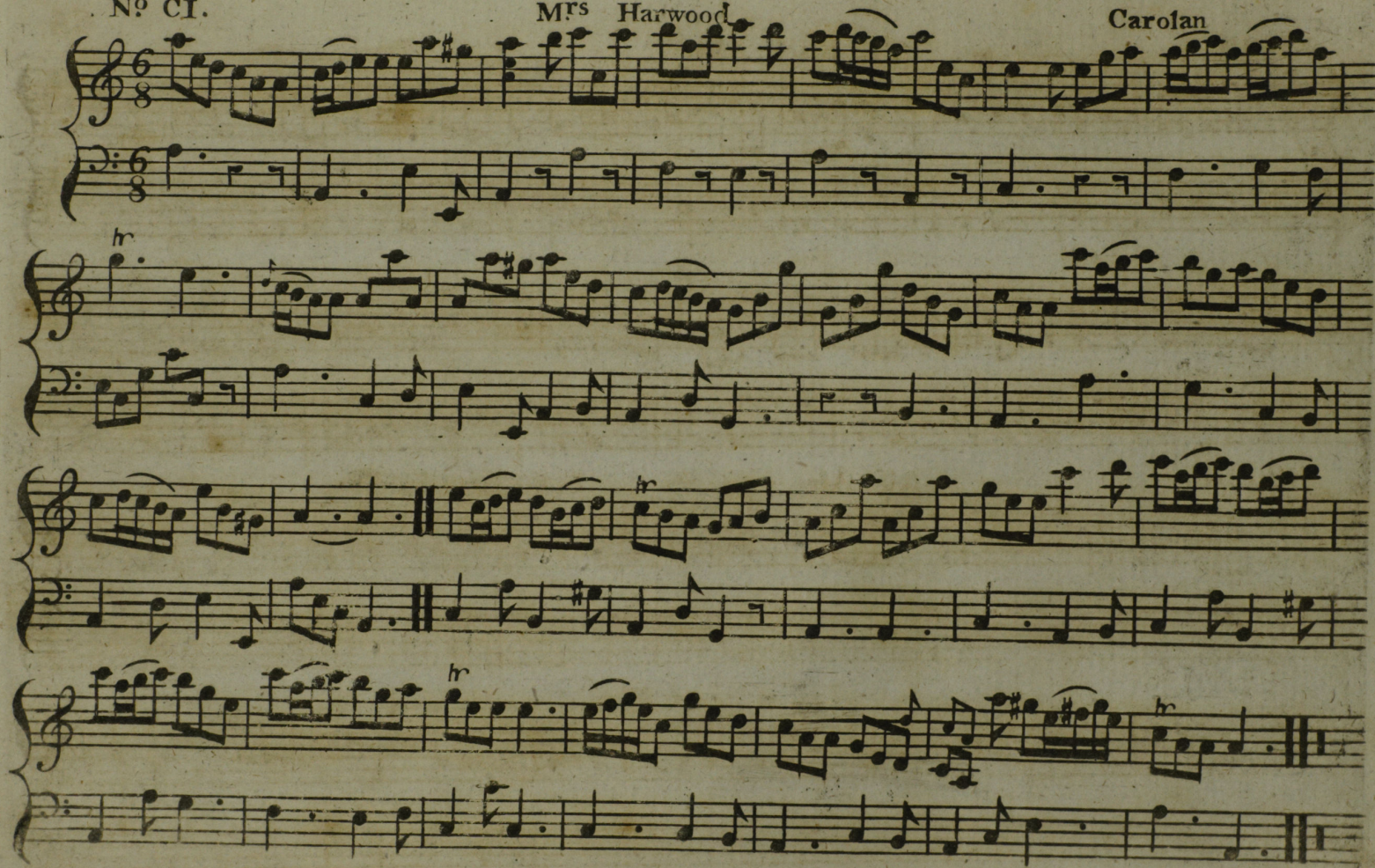


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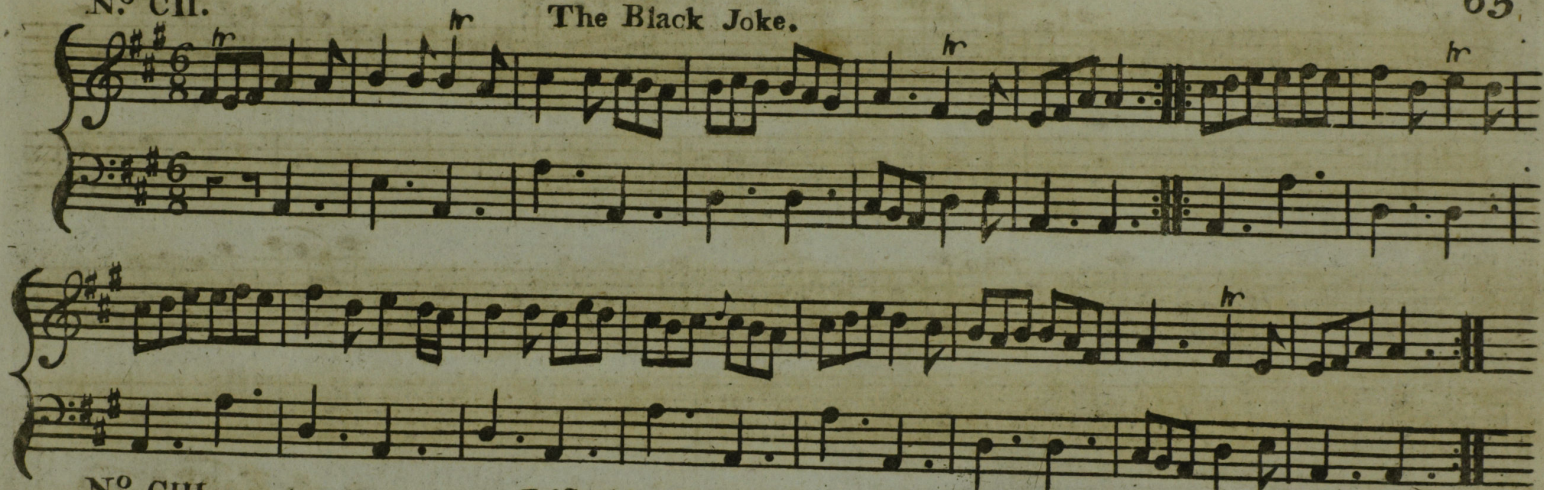




N^o CII.

The Black Joke.

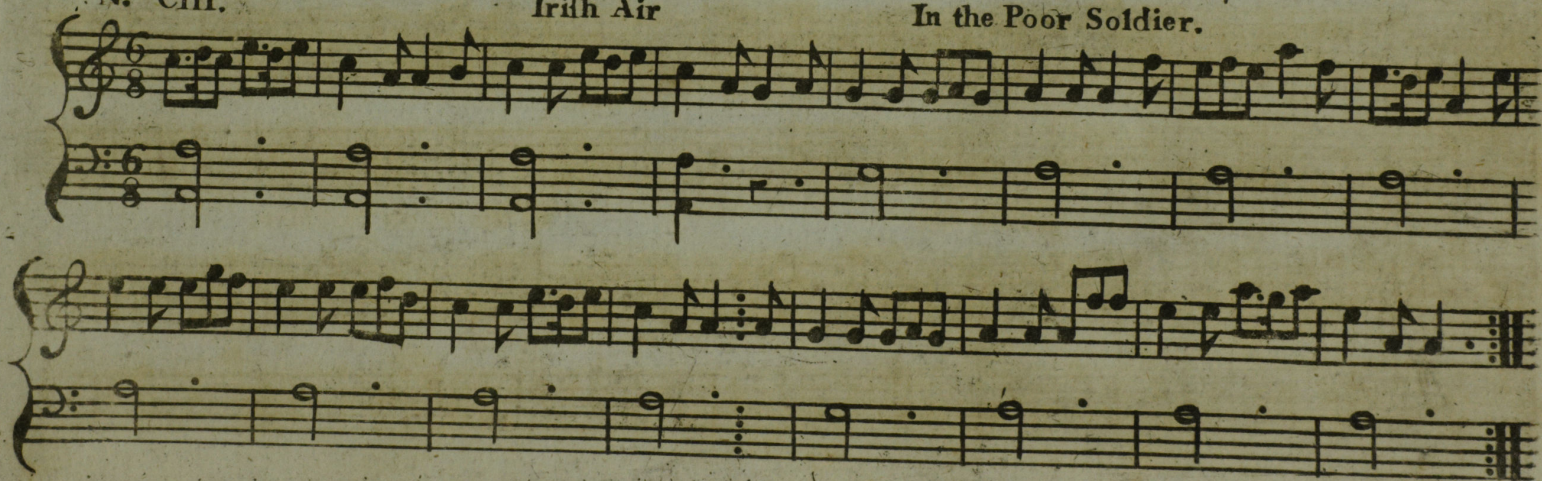
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N^o CIII.

Irish Air

In the Poor Soldier.



N^o. CIV.

Antient War Cry.

Handwritten musical score for 'Antient War Cry'. The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several triplets and 'hr' (half rest) markings throughout the score.

N^o. CV.

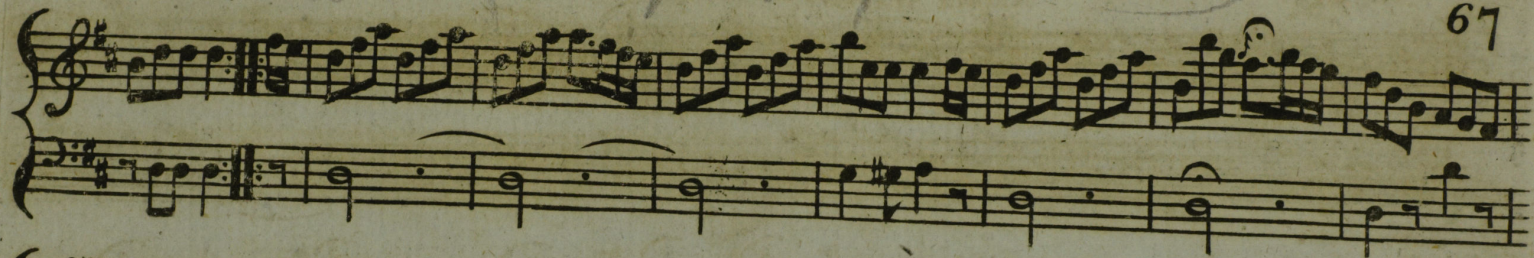
Irish Air

In the Poor Soldier.

Handwritten musical score for 'Irish Air'. The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several triplets and 'hr' (half rest) markings throughout the score.

Drunk at night & dry in the morning

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Nº CVI.

Ally Croaker.

